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## School Board OK's tentative 07-08 budget

Teachers get extra \$3,000,  
classified employees get a  
5 percent wage increase

By Miranda Cantrell James

The Morgan County Board of Education held a special meeting Monday, Jan. 29, to approve a tentative budget for the 2007-2008 school year, with teachers and classified employees receiving wage increases.

Superintendent of Schools Joe Dan Gold outlined the plan Tuesday morning.

"Teachers will receive a \$3,000 raise, and classified employees will receive a 5 percent raise," Gold said. "Classified benefits such as retirement will also be going up 3 percent."

Gold said the budget projected a \$700,000-\$900,000 increase in revenues, and a \$600,000-\$800,000 increase in expenses.

"Most of these expenses are related to salary increases," Gold said. "The school year will also be two days longer at 177 days instead of 175 days. It was necessary for board members to discuss this tentative budget before Jan. 31."

In other business, board members approved a non-resident student contract among Morgan, Magoffin and Johnson counties.

"This means that students from here can attend Magoffin and Johnson county schools and vice versa," Gold said. "We don't know if anyone is planning to utilize this contract yet, but it could be convenient for Morgan County parents who may work, etc. in these counties."

The board also discussed a proposal from Morgan County High School Baseball Coach Brandon Evans to establish a baseball team at Morgan County Middle School.

"This age group normally plays in the county Little League system," Gold said. "We are currently working with MCMS Principal Darren Sparkman to start a team, and hopefully Brandon will also continue to assist with this effort."

Board members before adjournment also declared several outdated computers and monitors technology surplus items.

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Victor McGuire, left, of Ezel, likes to use this 1961 Oliver 500 farm tractor that has been refurbished by his son, David. Mr. McGuire owned one like it in the 1960s and 70s. David, shown below with his dad, said he acquired and refurbished the tractor primarily because of the fond memories it brings back. "It's like going back forty plus years in time."



## The McGuire 500, a trip back in time

"I had many fond memories of Dad using that tractor, and wished that I could somehow get it back." So wrote David McGuire of Ezel in a story that was featured in the Januray-February issue of Hart Parr Oliver Collector, a farm machinery magazine popular with hobbyists.

McGuire, who is employed at Brown's West Liberty Ford, said, "As closely as I could, I was able to fulfill that dream."

Recently, he bought another 1961 Oliver 500 tractor, the same model as the tractor his dad, Victor McGuire of Ezel, bought in 1962 and owned for

several years. Finding it mechanically sound, McGuire went to work getting it restored. "A fresh coat of paint and a set of decals from Dumont's Decals, and it was ready to roll," McGuire said.

It turns out that the spiffy "new" 500 had also been locally owned by the late Ova Amyx of Grassy Creek, who purchased it at about the same time Victor McGuire bought his. McGuire and Amyx both bought their tractors from Camargo Tractor Sales in Camargo, where the dealer, Lonnie Amburgey, made his own front bumpers for the 500 mod-

els.

David McGuire recalls that when his dad's Oliver caught fire and burned in the field in 1975, Mr. Amburgey, who did business with and was respected by farmers throughout this

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## Stacy assigned to choice committee seats in House

When the Kentucky General Assembly convenes this month, State Rep. John Will Stacy, D-West Liberty, will again assume chairmanship of the important House Budget Review Subcommittee on Education.

Stacy, who was reelected to his 71st District seat without opposition in November, also is a member of the powerful House Appropriations and Revenue Committee and will serve on the House Rules, State Government, and Economic Development committees.

Committee assignments were announced during the legislature's 2007 organization meeting last month, during which Stacy narrowly lost a bid for the position of House Democrat Whip.

The 71st Legislative District represented by Stacy includes all or parts of Morgan, Menifee, Rowan, and Wolfe counties.

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## Emergency sirens, ENoS System test times announced

The West Liberty Police E-911 Communications Department announced this week that it will conduct tests of newly-installed warning systems in West Liberty and Ezel on the second Wednesday of each month at 4:45 p.m.

The sirens will be utilized for tornado warnings and to alert residents of other potentially threatening occurrences or events.

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### —Agree Or Not—

## Bills Focus on Math, Science

*Prompted by Ky. High Schools' Disgraceful Record of Teaching Subjects*

By Todd Duvall

While Democrats last week were falling over one another outside the Secretary of State's office to file papers to run for governor this year, the Senate Republican leadership quietly unveiled an education initiative that could be the most important legislation to pass the 2007 General Assembly session.

Two separate bills are aimed at major improvements in Kentucky students' math and science skills and the quality of teachers who instruct them in math and science courses.

Senate Bill 1 and Senate Bill 2 are expected to be filed when the General Assembly returns to the Capitol Feb. 6.

The two pieces of legislation provide for grants of \$10,000 to individual schools as incentive to offer advanced-placement classes in calculus, chemistry and physics. Teachers will be eligible for a bonus of \$10,000 a year above their salary when their calculus, chemistry and physics students score high on advanced-placement tests.

Teachers also will be able to increase their salaries for scoring high on teacher-certification tests in those fields. And students from low-income families who do well on advance-placement math and science tests will receive more scholarship money when they go on to college.

The bills are being sponsored by Senate Majority Leader Dan Kelly and Sen. Ken Winters, chairman of the Senate Education Committee. Senate President David Williams supports them.

In an ideal world, state government would not have to offer financial incentives which are nothing more than bribes to the schools to offer top-level math and science courses. Nor would the best and brightest math and science graduates need financial inducements (bribes) to teach those courses instead of using their talents elsewhere. Students in that ideal world would line up to take tough advanced-placement calculus, physics and chemistry courses.

This is not that ideal world and certainly not in Kentucky's public schools. That disgraceful percentage of high school graduates who require remedial math

courses before they can study on the college level is proof of that.

So if \$10,000 here and \$10,000 there can convince schools to add advanced-placement courses not otherwise available, and a \$10,000 bonus can attract really good math and science instructors, that is money well spent.

If Kentucky ever is to take its place among states with economies based on high-tech business and industry, we must begin producing well-educated college graduates in math and the sciences. Today we simply are not doing that, and there does not appear to be much of an effort to change that fact, certainly not at the local school level.

On a personal level, I know first-hand that really tough math instruction in high school pays off. I was an average (and entirely indifferent) math student who suffered through a senior year calculus course under a very fine and tough teacher. I was an above average (and enthusiastic) student of English and history. When my SAT test results arrived, my math score was substantially higher than my verbal test score, with the result that I was able to skip an entire freshman college math requirement.

There are going to be those teachers and administrators who will not like that SB 1 and SB 2 result in math and science teachers earning substantially more than their counterparts teaching other subjects. There will be complaints that advanced-placement courses in the humanities and languages are just as important as courses in math and science.

That is entirely true and regrettable that incentives cannot be made for tough high school courses in all important subjects.

But with Kentucky's limited resources, it is important to direct those resources at improvements in math and science instruction right now so that the dividends from that investment can begin soonest and not some vague goal set for years ahead.

The Senate education plan deserves bipartisan support in both the Senate and the House. It should also be endorsed by all those Democrats and Republicans who want so badly to be governor this time next year.

## Coroner's Corner

Howdy, My name is Kenny "Gravedigger" Perry and the other day I got to thinking about Morgan County and what the Coroner's office could do to promote a healthier way of living in Morgan county. Most of the people who know me know that I am a physical fitness nut and so I thought since the month of January is coming to a close and almost everyone who made New Year's resolutions was getting tired of trying to keep them that maybe I could encourage you to get out there and give it one more try. Remember, don't set your goals too high and try to just make it through the day of your exercise, whether it be walking or running, riding a bike on the inside or lifting weights. If you do it today, write down what you've done, then tomorrow, vow to do it again and by spring, you'll be looking at a new you in the mirror.

The Community Center has a new wellness center on the first floor and as we speak, it is conducting a contest called "The Biggest Loser." It's not too late to join and it lasts till June. Stop in and see Jo Ann or Belinda and start this new year off right.

Randy Williams teaches karate and has a gym called East Kentucky Gym located behind Commercial Bank, where a body could get in some mighty fine shape. There is also Old Mill Park, where a stressed out soul might go to walk off their frustrations and maybe a few pounds also, and you women don't forget about Curves, located on Prestonsburg Street, just off Main Street.

Remember, you control your own destiny. You could hire me to exercise for you but that probably wouldn't work. Take the first step towards a better, stronger,

## War on terror's other front: cleaning up U.S. pop culture

By Dinesh D'Souza

Reprinted From  
The Christian Science Monitor

Anti-Americanism comes in different varieties. The European kind emphasizes the "evils" of "red" America: a shoot-first, ask-questions-later cowboy in the White House, and Bible-toting fundamentalists walking around the corridors of power.

The Muslim variety is very different. Many Muslims point to the "horrors" of "blue" America: homosexual marriage, family breakdown, and a popular culture that is trivial, materialistic, vulgar, and in many cases, morally repulsive.

This latter view is dangerously – and justifiably – common in many traditional cultures across the globe. Because it feeds their perception that American values are inimical to their way of life, this attitude can blossom into the kind of anti-American pathology that partly fueled the 9/11 attacks. Any serious effort to shore up America's security must include steps to edify American culture.

### Reacting To A Distorted Projection

Both the European and Muslim brands of anti-Americanism, of course, are focused only on one side of America. They are reacting not so much to America per se as to the often distorted projections of U.S. policy and culture across the globe. Americans know that there is a big difference between U.S. pop culture and the way they actually live. But most foreigners do not. The America they see in movies and on television is often the only one they know.

Critics of globalization complain that the U.S. is corrupting the world with its multi-national corporations and its trade practices. But surveys such as the Pew Research Center studies of world opinion show that non-Western peoples are generally pleased with American products.

In fact, the people of Asia, Africa and the Middle East want more American companies, more American technology and more free trade. Their objection is not to McDonald's or Microsoft, but to America's cultural values.

These sentiments are felt very keenly in the Muslim world. As an Iranian from Neishapour told journalist Afshin Molavi, "People say we want freedom. You know what these foreign-inspired people want? They want the freedom to gamble and drink and bring vice to our Muslim land. This is the kind of freedom they want."

Muslim critics of American culture are quick to concede its fascination and attraction, especially to the young. Some time ago, I saw an interview with a Muslim sheikh on TV. The interviewer told the sheikh, "I find it curious and hypocritical that you are so anti-American, considering that two of your sons are living and studying in America."

The sheikh replied, "But this is not hypocritical at all. I concede that American culture is appealing. If you put a young man into a hotel room and give him dozens of pornography tapes, he is likely to find those appealing as well. What America appeals to is everything that is low and disgusting in human nature."

The most powerful of all the American offenses recited in the lands of Islam, argues preeminent Middle East expert Bernard Lewis, "is the degeneracy and debauchery of the American way of life."

A major reason why some Muslims focus their anger on the United States is because it is American culture – not Swedish culture or French culture – that is finding its way into every nook and cranny of Islamic society.

### Cultural Blowback

There is a cultural blowback against America that is coming from all the traditional cultures of Africa, South America, the Middle East and Asia. This resistance is summed up in a slogan used by Singapore's former prime minister, Lee Kuan Yew: "Modernization without Westernization." What this means is that traditional cultures want prosperity and technology, but they do not

fitter, healthier you. Start today. There were six Coroner calls for the month of January. So, if you don't want me to be the last person you see in this life, then get out there and do something about it.

I hope Earl puts this column next to the Judge's Corner. If he does, then next month I'll put my picture in right beside Tim's. He ain't the only one that can have a corner. Next month we'll talk about drugs and how they affect the people of Morgan County. I love Morgan County and I hope what I'm trying to do will be acceptable to the readers of the Licking Valley Courier....Until next time, Breathe in Breathe out!

Kenny Perry

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want the values of American culture.

The Islamic radicals are the most extreme and politically mobilized segment of this global resistance, and they are recruiting innumerable ordinary Muslims to their proclaimed jihad against the values America represents. The radicals have been remarkably successful in convincing traditional Muslims that America represents a serious threat to the Islamic population.

In one of his post-9/11 propaganda videos, Osama bin Laden said that Islam faces the greatest threat it has faced since the time of Muhammad. How could he possibly think this? Not because of U.S. troops that were in Saudi Arabia. Not even because of Israel. The threat bin Laden is referring to is an infiltration of American values and mores into the lives of Muslim, transforming their society and destroying their traditional values and religious beliefs.

So what should America do about this? First, it must recognize the global implications of the culture wars. Indeed the culture war and the war on terror are linked. The restoration of America's culture will be a moral boost to its children – and it will destroy the nation's image abroad.

As a practical matter, of course, such a cultural restoration will not be easy. At the very least, it is a task that will take decades.

The best we Americans can do is to show Muslims, and traditional people around the world, the "other America" that they often do not see. Bush and his administration spokespersons should in their speeches do more

to highlight the values of conservative and religious America.

They should not be afraid to speak out against American cultural exports that are shameless and corrupting.

Moreover, we should do what we can to stop the export of de-based American values abroad. In the United Nations, for example, America should work with Muslims, Hindus, Buddhists and others to block the efforts of leftist groups around the world who promote radical feminism, homosexuality, prostitution and pornography as "rights" under international law. Instead, the U.S. should align itself with social decency and traditional family values.

As citizens, we should not hesitate to tell traditional Muslims and others that there are many of us who are working to reverse the tide of cultural depravity in our society and around the world.

By proclaiming our allegiance to the traditional values of Judeo-Christian society, we can reduce the currents of anti-Americanism among the Muslims, and thus undercut the appeal of radical Islam to traditional Muslims around the world.

• Dinesh D'Souza's latest book,

"*The Enemy at Home: The Cultural Left and Its Responsibility for 9/11*," was published this month. He is the Rishwain Fellow at the Hoover Institution.

## OPINION

from the perspective of people in the traditional societies of the world, these same trends appear to be nothing less than the shameless promotion of depravity.

So it is not surprising to see pious Muslims react with horror at the prospect of this new American morality seeping into their part of the world. They rightly fear that this new morality will destroy their religion and life.

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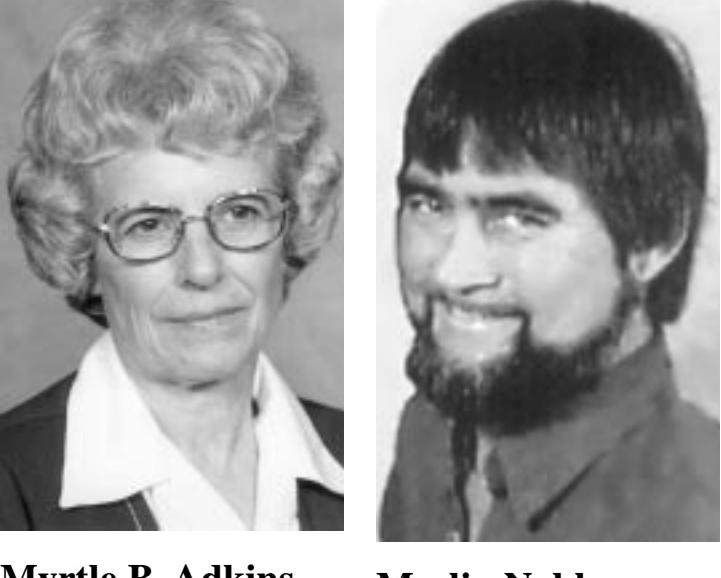
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# AREA DEATHS



## Myrtle B. Adkins

Myrtle Marie Brown Adkins, of Plymouth, Michigan, passed away Tuesday, January 16, 2007, peacefully at the age of 89.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 57 years, Addie Adkins.

Survivors include two children, Pam and her husband, Doug Day, Ken and his wife, Jan, and many nieces and nephews.

Myrtle was born in Wrigley, Kentucky, to the late Richard and Nancy Brown, and was the last surviving sibling in her immediate Brown family of one sister, Lena Brown Ratliff; and five brothers, Curt, Herman, Sherman, R.V., and Richard Brown, Jr.

Myrtle and Addie moved to Michigan in 1941 and had been residents of Plymouth, Michigan since 1946. She lived out her remaining four years in assisted living homes in Plymouth and Livonia, Michigan.

After raising her children, Myrtle started working at various jobs and retired from Whitlock Manufacturing Company, of Farmington Hills, Michigan, at the age of 70. She was a regular and active member of the Assembly of God Church in Plymouth and the Northville Christian Assembly until she was physically unable to participate.

Throughout her life, she enjoyed gardening of flowers and vegetables. She preserved, to perfection, all the fruits and vegetables she grew and will be especially remembered for her homegrown fresh strawberry pies. She will be remembered as being a loving and caring wife and mother. Myrtle is now resting in peace.

Services were conducted on Friday, January 19, at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, in Plymouth, Michigan.

Memorial contributions were suggested to the Alzheimer's Association.

## Merlin Noble

Merlin Noble, 47, of Frenchburg, died Thursday, January 25, 2007, in Alice, Texas.

Mr. Noble was born July 22, 1959, in Perry County, Kentucky, a son of the late Rexall Brown and Grace Amburkey Brown.

He was an auto body repairman.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by 1 sister and 1 brother.

Survivors include his wife, Debbie Peck Noble; one son and daughter-in-law, Merlin Brad and Amy Noble, of Frenchburg; a granddaughter, Kayla Noble; father-in-law and mother-in-law, Clyde and Eileen Peck, of Frenchburg; one brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Alan and Melinda Peck, of Frenchburg; two sisters, Nora Jean Miller, of Hazard, and Cindy Feix, of Mount Sterling; two brothers, Rowland Campbell, of Jeffersonville, and Jimmy Noble, of Three Rivers, Texas; several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were conducted at 1 p.m. Monday, January 29, at Bethel Baptist Church, in Frenchburg, with Rev. Keith McGuire officiating. Burial followed in the Powers Cemetery, at Denniston, with Menifee Home For Funerals, of Frenchburg, in charge of arrangements.

Active pallbearers were Shannon Jones, Scott Ferrell, Chris Mays, Terry Brown, Tony Back, Derek Ferrell, Kash Hatton, and Jimmy Mynheer.

Honorary pallbearers were Charles Benson, Anthony Ferrell, Doug Peck, Mickey Little, Blake Ingram, Anthony Back, Marty Warren, John Will Stacy, Tim Meeks, Paul Schoonover, Mason Kash, and James Mynheer.

### POEM

How precious it is, Lord, to realize that you are thinking about me constantly. I can't even count how many times a day your thoughts turn toward me.

(Submitted by Alpha Clevenger)



## Vermont R. Brown

Vermont R. Brown, 66, of Frenchburg, died Saturday, Jan. 27, 2007, at Edgewood Estates Nursing Home, in Frenchburg, following an extended illness.

Mr. Brown was born June 2, 1939, in Menifee County, Kentucky, a son of the late Rexall Brown and Grace Amburkey Brown.

He was a retired construction/heavy equipment operator.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Betty Jo Nolan Brown, and one sister, Brenda Lilly.

Survivors include a daughter, Tracey and Vernon Terrell, of Frenchburg; two sons, Tim and Michelle Brown, of Wellington, and Joe and Bobbie Brown, of Odenville, Alabama; one sister, Zoia Murphy, of Wellington; 14 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 30, at Menifee Home For Funerals, with Rev. Jimmy Daulton officiating. Burial followed in the Mack Cemetery, at Frenchburg, with Menifee Home For Funerals, of Frenchburg, in charge of arrangements.

Pallbearers were Willie Brown, Dale Murphy, Curt Ledford, Benny Ledford, Danny Wells, and Bill Parrott.

## Burl Keeton

Burl Keeton, 69, passed away at his home in Urbana, Ohio, on Tuesday, Jan. 23, 2007.

He was born February 15, 1937, at Crockett, Kentucky. Burl and his siblings, Mearlen, Ruby, Clifford, Earl, Elzie, Olive, Rita, Noretti, Delpha, and Addie, were the children of the late Leander and Carrie Fyffe Keeton.

He and his wife, Shirley, were the parents of eight children, Sondra, Dane Keeton, Beverley Peyton, Debra Needham, Angie Fosdick, Amanda Huber, Cindi Armstrong, and Carrie Search; grandparents of 22 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted in St. Paris, Ohio, with burial following in Terra Haute, Ohio.

Burl will be greatly missed by all.



## Bobby Grigsby

Bobby "Grigs" Grigsby, 67, of Middletown, Ohio, formerly of West Liberty, went to be with the Lord early Friday morning, January 26, 2007, at his home in Madison Twp.

A native of West Liberty, Kentucky, Bob was born and raised in the hills of Eastern Kentucky. Making his way as a young man as a mechanic and factory worker.

He was a 1957 graduate of Morgan County High, received his Degrees from Morehead State University and St. Xavier University both in education. Starting as a teacher touching students in the classroom, he was quickly on his way up the ladder, culminating as superintendent of Carlisle Local School. With his love for education, Bob strived to make the education and transportation systems in the state safe, prosperous and focused on students.

Upon his retiring, Bobby kept in the education arena by serving both the Warren County Career Center and Kings Local Schools as an administrator. "Grigs" to many, was the model of hard work making greatness as a husband, father, and friend. He was the common guy who made his own way and was respected by all for it.

Bob was preceded in death by his mother, Mattie Louise Conley Grigsby, and grandparents, Frank and Virgie Conley.

He will be strongly missed by his wife, Anna Lee, son, Henry Joe and wife, Kristin, son, James Franklin and wife, Jill, granddaughter, Miranda Ann, and by his many friends, co-workers, and fellow car enthusiasts.

Funeral services were conducted at 1 p.m. Wednesday, January 31, at Potter Funeral Home, with Bro. David Cook officiating. Burial followed in the Salyer Cemetery, West Liberty, with Potter Funeral Home, of West Liberty, in charge of arrangements.

Memorials were suggested to Victory Junction Gang Camp, 4500 Adam's Way, Randleman, NC 27317.

Pallbearers were family and friends.

### LOVE OF GOD

The love of God is as high as the highest shining star, as deep as the sea of blue, as wide as the silent realms of space, as broad as the Heaven's too. So high. So deep. So wide, So broad is the wonderful love of God.

(Submitted by Alpha Clevenger)



## Drexell Castle

Drexell Castle, 63, of New Carlisle, Ohio, died Sunday, January 28, 2007, at his home.

He was born October 19, 1943, in West Liberty, Kentucky, a son of the late Denzil and Nancy Gevedon Castle.

He retired from General Motors in 1999 after 36 years of service.

Drexell was an avid fisherman and hunter, having made his own equipment. He also was a craftsman furniture maker, and a member of the New Carlisle Sportsman Club and NRA. He attended the New Carlisle Church of the Brethren.

Survivors include his wife of 29 years, Mary Jo "Skip" Castle; two daughters, Teresa A. Long, and Kimberly S. Long Switzer and husband, John; a grandson, Brandon Switzer; one sister, Norma Cook, all of New Carlisle, Ohio; and a host of nieces, nephews, additional relatives and friends.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a sister, Sharon Schroll.

A memorial service will be conducted at 6 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 3, at the New Carlisle Church of the Brethren, with Dr. Andrew J.O. Wright officiating. Friends may call one hour prior to services at the church. Funeral arrangements entrusted to Trostel, Chapman, Dunbar & Fraley Funeral Home, of New Carlisle, Ohio.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Drexell's name were suggested to New Carlisle Church of the Brethren, 219 N. Main Street, New Carlisle, Ohio 45344.

Expressions of sympathy may be sent to www.trostelchapman.com.

## Murline L. Lydon

Murline Lykins Lydon, daughter of the late Buford C. and Flora Lykins, passed away after an extended illness, on Sunday, Jan. 7, 2007, in Orlando, Florida.

Murline was born April 29, 1925, at Caney, Kentucky. She graduated from Morgan County High School and spent most of her life in Florida, after marriage to Col. Robert C. Lydon, a distinguished officer in the armed forces.

Her parents and husband preceded her in death, also two brothers: Harlan and Donnie Lykins, and one son-in-law.

Murline was the mother of three sons, Malcolm, Timothy and Allan Lydon, and one daughter, Linda Haines, all of Florida.

Murline was a member of a close knit family and was treasured and loved by all; perhaps more widely known for her expertise in horticulture. Her plants, herbs and flowers attracted attention far and wide and the love for her flowers was only exceeded by her love for people. She will long be remembered by her many friends in Kentucky and Florida.

She was interred in Tampa, Florida.



## Elizabeth Oldfield

Elizabeth Allen Oldfield, 79, of Hazel Green, died Friday, January 26, 2007, at Morgan County Appalachian Regional Hospital, in West Liberty.

Born Wednesday, April 27, 1927, at Cannel City, Kentucky, a daughter of the late James Elijah and Ora Ethel Davis Allen.

She was a homemaker, and attended Mize Community Church as long as her health permitted.

Elizabeth was united in marriage to Walter C. Oldfield on April 6, 1945. He preceded her in death January 1, 1969. Also preceding her in death was one brother, Ernest Allen; and three sisters, Edith Bryant, Erie Walton, and Eva Perkins.

Survivors include two daughters, Brenda Vest and husband, Thomas, of Hazel Green, and Janie Adkins and husband, Jack, of West Liberty; five grandchildren, Regina Fritsch and husband, John, of Paris, Ky., Tomika Goble and husband, Rusty, of Debord, Ky., Amy Howell and husband, Trevor, of West Liberty, Tommy Vest, of Hazel Green, and Sarah Adkins, of Morehead; seven great-grandchildren, Ashley Fritsch, Matthew Fritsch, Lauren Goble, Paige Goble, Weston Goble, Hannah Howell, and Garrett Howell; two sisters, Esther Spaulding, of Columbus, Ohio, and Erma Fannin, of Malone; one brother, Everett Allen, of Salyersville.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday, Jan. 28, at Potter Funeral Chapel, with Rev. Bud Angus and Rev. Bob Stilson officiating. Burial followed in Old Grassley Cemetery, at Mize, with Potter Funeral Home, of West Liberty, in charge of arrangements.

Pallbearers were Alan Perkins, Rick Allen, Tommy Vest, Trevor Howell, John Fritsch, Rusty Goble, Matt Fritsch, Garrett Howell, and Weston Goble.

## Lacy Creek

Jan. 29--Joyce LeMaster, Athena Blackburn and Nicholas, and Sharon Lewis were shopping in Pikeville Saturday. Joyce LeMaster and Nicholas Blackburn visited with Mr. and Mrs. Bill Lewis Saturday afternoon. Recent visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Dan LeMaster, Jr. have been Libby Cordle and Kendra, Keele Oney, Greg Joseph, and William Dan LeMaster.

Kennell and Leova Lewis visited with Dorsie and Marie Franklin recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Nickell visited recently with Mr. and Mrs. Paul B. Gullett. Steve Gullett visited recently with Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Nickell. The Nickells attended their home church over the weekend.

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Increment 2

In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that Lost Creek Coal, Oil & Gas Leasing, Inc., 167 Second Street, Pikeville, Kentucky 41501, intends to apply for a Phase I bond release for increments 2 on permit number 888-0081, which was last issued February 1, 2006. The application covers an area of approximately 422.04 surface acres located 2.2 miles southwest of Silverhill in Morgan County.

The operation is approximately 1.1 miles north from junction of the Lacey Creek Road and the Mine Fork Road and located north of Lacey Creek. The operation is located on the Salyersville North U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute Quadrangle map at latitude 37 degrees 57 minutes 02 seconds and longitude 82 degrees 00 minutes 49 seconds.

The bond now in effect for Increment #2 is a cash bond for \$301,500.00 is included in the application for release.

Reclamation work performed includes: grading, seeding and mulching, and successful establishment of the post-mining land use, which was completed August, 2006.

Written comments, objections, or requests for a public hearing or informal conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Field Services, #2 Hudson Hollow, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, by March 5, 2007.

A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for March 6, 2007 at 9:00 a.m., at the Department for Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. The hearing will be cancelled if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by March 5, 2007.

This is the final advertisement of this application. All comments, objections or requests for a conference or hearing must be received within 30 (thirty) days of the day of this notice.

C-1-11-4t  
(Pub. Jan. 11, 18, 25, Feb. 1)

## PROBATE NOTICE

Notice is hereby given on this 23rd day of January 2007, that Mondell Daniel has been appointed the Administratrix of the Myrtle S. Cantrell Estate. Anyone indebted to said Estate should pay the undersigned immediately. Anyone having a claim of any nature against said Estate should file the same, properly verified, with the undersigned no later than six (6) months from the date of this publication.

Mondell Daniel  
1029 White Oak Branch  
West Liberty, Ky. 41472

Steve O'Connor  
522 Prestonsburg Street  
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(Pub. Feb. 1, 8, 15)

## A Funny

In a pet store to shop for fish food, a man's attention is diverted to a parrot in a nearby cage. In addition to being handsome, the parrot is singing *Easter Parade*. The man buys the bird, takes it home, and dotes on it.

At Easter, the man has some visitors. Offhandedly, he remarks that he has a bird that is able to sing *Easter Parade*. His friends laugh at him. He's willing to bet money. His friends put up fifty dollars against his fifty. Taking the bird out of the cage, he pets it gently and says, "Sing." The bird doesn't open its beak. He asks it to sing again. Not one note. He demands that the bird sing. Not one note. No matter what he does, the bird won't sing. The man pays off on his bet.

When the friends leave, the man grabs the bird and says, "I may cook you tonight. Why didn't you sing?"

The bird says, "Take it easy. Just think of the odds we'll get this winter with *White Christmas*!"

Milton Berle

Clifton Fadiman  
Andre Bernard

## Words Of Wisdom

You can commit no greater folly than to sit by the roadside until someone comes along and invites you to ride with him to wealth or influence.

John B. Gough

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For every caring thought and prayer.  
For every valuable donation to Index Church.

"Thank you" seems so inadequate. We are deeply appreciative to the Morgan County ARH and Ambulance Service, to the A-1 Auto employees, to City Policeman Zach Haney for his help and attentions to our mother, to the many hundreds of friends who waited patiently in line, to Rev. James Allen and Rev. Mike Frisby for their words of comfort, to Bob and Rachel Stilson and Brenda Angus for their beautiful songs, to Johnny Perry for the Morgan County baseball cap, to Morgan County DAV chaplain Paul Henry, to the honor Guards and Burial Squad which Dad was so proud to be a member of, to the pallbearers and the Sheriff Department escort to the cemetery.

We are forever grateful to our Zag, Woodsbend, and Index Church families for the after-service meal, to the Morgan County High School Class of '51, and to the Potter Funeral Home staff for their compassionate and efficient services. We have been mindful of every act of kindness--none has gone unnoticed. As a result of your prayers, the comforter has overshadowed our family with a deep peace. We have been truly blessed by a multitude of loving family and friends. Thanks for sharing our burden during this sorrowful time of loss.

Louise, Karen, Dexter, and Brandon Brian, Jenny, and family Steve, Margie, and Wes Ralph, Cheryl, and Trevor Kevin, Debbie, and Shawn Kim and children (pd)

C-2-1-1t

The Christmas Card Mystery

Every Christmas since 1945, the parents of a young soldier killed at Okinawa had received an unsigned card. It read only, "I, too, have not forgotten." Then, in 1950, they received a letter explaining the mystery with a most heartwarming announcement. The letter read: "This year I am not sending a card, but an explanation. Perhaps I have been too mysterious, but I was ashamed to sign those cards. You see, your son, Carl, gave his life to save mine. He was a wonderful guy and had so much to live for. For five years I have searched for the reason: I knew there must be some purpose I was to fulfill. Some months ago I found the answer. I had gone back into the Army a year ago, and two months back I received some replacements in my company. One of them was Carl's kid brother, your youngest boy, Edward. Out of millions that might have been sent, I got Eddie. I feel better, I'll fight better, and let me tell you—I'll take care of that boy. Carl knows it, and I wanted you to know."

Barry talked to his daughter, Laura, recently. She was fine. He also talked to his son, Travis Grant Clevenger, of West Liberty, Ohio, and he was doing well. His step-father, Jack Morris, was seriously ill and had been hospitalized for sometime. But he came home to stay and they were all worried about him. Everyone please pray for him. Get well wishes to him and his wife, Anita, has been by his bedside since he has been ill.

I heard the Sunday evening broadcast on W.L.K.S. and Rev. Vernon Lewis and Helen Lewis comes on at 3:00 p.m. and Vernon Lewis is on at 1 p.m., and the others. They do a good job. Keep up the good work.

Barry's daughter, Katie, is on W.R.L.V. each Saturday morning. She does a good job, also. She plays beautiful gospel songs and others.

Barry said he talked to Jewell Clevenger recently. He met up with her in town. It was good to talk to her. Jewell will celebrate

## Lower Elkfork

By Alpha Clevenger

Jan. 29—Sympathy is extended to the family of Billy Ratliff. May God bless and comfort his wife and children, and all the family. He will be sadly missed by all. He was a good father, husband, grandfather, and friend.

Sympathy is extended to all who are bereaved and get well wishes to the sick and shutins.

Barry was Saturday guest and got country water.

Joy called on Sunday. Good to hear from her again. She said they were staying inside. The weather was so cold on Sunday. Hope it warms soon. Well, in fact we've had a lot of cold weather.

Congratulations to Rev. and Mrs. Vernon Lewis on the arrival of a new son born Jan. 26th at Morehead Hospital, weighing over 8 lbs. He has a brother, Noah Dale, age 2. The baby has been named Benjamin.

Get well wishes to Glen Woodward. He heard he was on the sick list. Everyone misses him on the Swap Shop at 11:30. We hope he will soon be back much improved.

Dempsey will celebrate his birthday Feb. 3rd. Happy birthday and many more to you. God bless you. We love you.

How are you, Sophie Blevins, of Grant Park, Illinois? Hope you are improving every day. You are in my prayers daily. I hope and pray you won't fall and injure yourself anymore. You have already fallen too many times. Take care and be careful. We love you and may God bless you. You are a good friend to all. We appreciate you very much. Love and prayers. Your friend, Alpha Clevenger.

They were predicting a big snow but it missed us. We only got a little scift and flurries. Wish it would come 2 or 3 inches of pure, white snow. It's beautiful but we may get some later, hopefully.

How are you Fairy Dean? Hope you all are well. Have you had the flu yet? We've never had it yet and hope we don't. I've heard of a lot of cases and I think the school was shut down because of flu.

I meant to go to church on Sunday and Sunday night and I didn't make it. I sure miss going. Sometimes on Sunday I oversleep and I always try to go on Sunday night. It gives me a lift and encourages us and helps us spiritually and the week ahead goes smoother.

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And so became my uncle though that made me sad,

For if he was my uncle that also made him a brother,

Of the widow's grown-up daughter, who was,

of course, my stepmother.

Now my father's wife then had a son who kept them on the run, And he became my grandchild for he was my daughter's son.

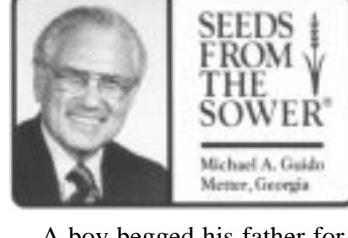
My wife is now my mother's mother and that makes me blue, Because although she is my

wife she is my grandmother too. Oh! If my wife is my grandmother, then I am her grandchild,

And every time I think of it, it nearly drives me wild.

For now I have become the strangest case I ever saw,

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by Joe Nickell

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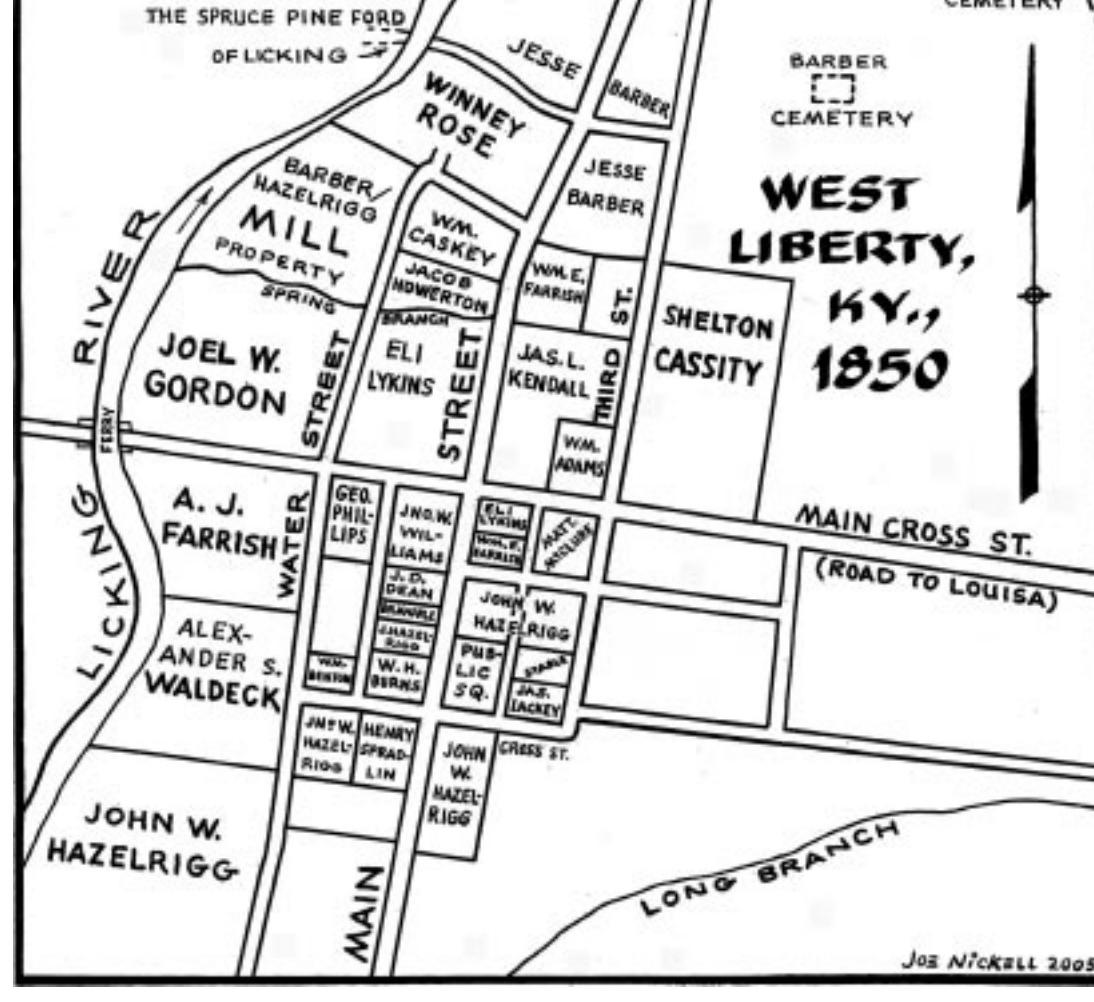
BARBER CEMETERY

WEST LIBERTY,  
KY., 1850

MAIN CROSS ST.

(ROAD TO LOUISA)

JOE NICKELL 2005



WEST LIBERTY IN 1850.  
Little more than a quarter century after its creation, the county seat of Morgan was a thriving little town.

From what had been a rural community centered around a water grist mill completed in 1816, "a town by the name of West Liberty" was established as county seat soon after Morgan was formed in 1823.

It consisted of 39 acres of land provided by Edmund Wells, who had built the historic mill. Two acres were set aside "for the public square upon which the public buildings may be erected." The contracts for building the first jail and courthouse were awarded to Wells.

In just 27 years, the town had become crisscrossed with streets and subdivided into several lots as shown in the accompanying map. This is a reconstruction I did with the aid of a book important to local history (and one for which I wrote the introduction).

Titled *The Property History of Early West Liberty, Kentucky*, it was compiled by Henrietta Wells McKinney and her father, the late Henry H. Wells, and published in 1990. This book enabled me to keep track of properties, as they were divided and subdivided over time, and to overlay their 1850 boundaries onto a pencil tracing

from a modern city map, before finally inking and lettering the result.

The time required to make the map may have been out of all proportion to any usefulness it may have. Nevertheless it does provide an interesting view of the town at the middle of the 19th century.

Centrally located on Main Street was the residence/office of John Marple, a 32-year-old physician born in Pennsylvania.

Among others whose property is shown were the following (together with their occupations listed on the 1850 census): John W. Hazelrigg (merchant), Alexander S. Waldeck (tanner), William Caskey (blacksmith), Joel W. Gordon (blacksmith), Jesse Barber (miller), William Adams (constable), Eli Lykins (stock driver), William H. Burns (lawyer), Henry J. Spradlin (constable), J. Duke Dean (merchant), Shelton Cassity (blacksmith) and others.

The modern map I relied on was the "1979 Edition, West Liberty, Morgan County, Kentucky, Population 3,212, prepared by Kentucky Department of Transportation, Office of Transportation Planning, Division of Facilities Planning in cooperation with U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration" (from a base-map by the U.S. Geological Survey).

See also 1850 Morgan County, Ky. Census, transcribed by Harley S. Little (Dayton, Ohio: Privately printed, 1975).

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS:  
Henrietta Wells McKinney and  
Henry H. Wells, *The Property*

*History of West Liberty, Kentucky* (West Liberty, Ky.: Privately printed, 1990), with an introduction by Joe Nickell. "an ACT to establish the county seat of Morgan," approved Dec. 1, 1823, is reprinted in McKinney and Wells, pp. 13-14.

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# COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

## Conservation Dist. Cost Share Pgm. announced

The Morgan County Conservation District will be accepting requests for cost share funding under the Kentucky Soil Erosion and Water Quality Cost Share Program beginning February 1 and extending through February 28, 2007.

The Kentucky Soil Erosion and Water Quality Cost Share Program was in 1994 created by the Kentucky General Assembly to help agricultural and silviculture operations protect the soil and water resources of the Commonwealth. This financial and technical assistance program assists individual agriculture producers in the development and implementation of their agricultural water quality plans, which are required under state law. Any person engaged in agricultural or silviculture operations is eligible to apply through the local conservation district, which oversees the installation of best management practices. The State Cost Share program gives a high priority to animal waste related problems and agricultural district participants where pollution problems have been identified. The best management practices, approved through the State Cost Share Program, help reduce animal waste nutrients, prevent the loss of topsoil, and minimize sediment and other pollutants to Kentucky's streams, rivers, lakes and groundwater supplies. Among the eighteen practices eligible under the State Cost Share Program, some of the most frequently installed practices are Agricultural Waste Control Facility, Heavy Use Area Protection, Rotational Grazing System Establishment, Stream Crossing, and Streambank Stabilization. Please contact your local conservation district office for details on all eligible practices. In the first twelve years of this program, the Division of Conservation has received 21,465 applications seeking \$214 million in cost share assistance. Based on the available funds to the program in each of these years, 7,725 of those applications have been approved for a total of \$82.5 million.

Funding for practices will be approved by the Soil and Water Conservation Commission and the Kentucky Division of Conservation, located in Frankfort, as funds are available. Approved applicants will be notified in July of 2007 and they will have 12 months to complete their practice.

For more information stop by the Morgan County Conservation district office located at 955 Prestonsburg Street, West Liberty, Ky. 41472 Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Phone: (606) 743-3194.

C-2-1-4

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## AA meetings slated for each Sunday evening

AA meetings are being held each Sunday at 8 p.m. in the conference room at the county government building. For more information or directions, call 606-743-1210.

## Services available to help reach career goals

Do you need a job, a better paying job or just want to earn your GED? If so, stop by the MSU Center of West Liberty. Pre-register required by Feb. 1, 2007. The Center offers services to help you reach career and educational goals. Services offered are GED and ACT prep, resume writing, math and writing classes to help with employability test, and reading skills to become a better reader in order to help your child with homework. The Center is open Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday, 8-4:30; Tuesday, 8-6; and Friday, 8-3. For more information about our services you may call 743-1599.

## Important VFW meeting Feb. 4

Herman Volney Nickell Post 7225, Veterans of Foreign Wars, will meet Sunday, Feb. 4, in the basement of the West Liberty City Hall at 2 p.m. Parking and entrance in back, off Trimble Street. This will be a very important meeting. All members are urged to attend.

H.B. Rose,  
Quartermaster

## End Time Bible Study at Assembly of Faith Ch.

Assembly of Faith Church will have an End Time Bible Study each Tuesday night at 7 p.m. Lessons include The Rapture, The Antichrist, The Tribulation, The Great Tribulation, Christ's Return, The Millennium and The New Heaven & New Earth. Everyone is welcome! For more information please call Pastor Harold Davis at 606-743-7672.

C-2-1-5

## W.L.E.S. PTO to meet Thursday, February 1

West Liberty Elementary School PTO will meet Thursday, Feb. 1, at 6 p.m., in the West Liberty Elementary School Library. Fund raising will be discussed. All parents and teachers are urged to attend. For more information call 743-4648, or call the school.

## Diabetes Support Group meeting set February 13

A Diabetes Support Group meeting will be conducted Tuesday, Feb. 13, at 6 p.m., at St. Claire Regional Medical Center Cafe D (second floor). The meeting is for anyone with diabetes or parents/family/caregivers of persons with diabetes. The topic of this meeting will be "Diabetes And Heart Disease". Sherry Adkins, BSN, RN, CDE, will be the speaker. For additional information call (606) 783-6711.

Funding for practices will be approved by the Soil and Water Conservation Commission and the Kentucky Division of Conservation, located in Frankfort, as funds are available. Approved applicants will be notified in July of 2007 and they will have 12 months to complete their practice.

For more information stop by the Morgan County Conservation district office located at 955 Prestonsburg Street, West Liberty, Ky. 41472 Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Phone: (606) 743-3194.

C-2-1-4

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## Sweetheart Pageant set Saturday, February 10

The Sweetheart pageant will be held Saturday, Feb. 10, at the MSU Center of West Liberty. Pre-register required by Feb. 1, 2007. Girls categories (0through 21 years), boys categories (0 through 6 years). Pageant or Sunday wear. The pageant will start at 2 p.m. For more information and registration forms call Pam Burton at 743-7733 after 5 p.m., or leave message. Also registration forms may be picked up at Lenvil's Beauty Shop.

## Bible Study at Ezel Presbyterian Church

How are you living my friend? Is the Christian life a struggle for you? Perhaps you have a religion, but not a relationship with the loving God? Do you know what it means to walk by the Spirit? Come join us as we study the Book of Acts in Kay Arthur's Unleashing the Holy Spirit In You. Join us in Bible study Thursday evenings, January 11, through April 12, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. each evening, at Ezel Presbyterian Church. For more information call Norma, (606) 725-9185.

C-2-1-2t

## 2007 GED test dates announced

Morehead State University at West Liberty Adult Education and Career Center has announced new 2007 GED test dates. Testing dates are January 12; February 9; March 9; April 13; May 11; and June 8. Registration is a MUST. For more information you may contact the learning center at 743-1599.

## Sorghum Festival Committee meet. Feb. 8

The Sorghum Festival Committee will meet on Thursday, Feb. 8, at 5 p.m., in Pattie's Place. This meeting will be to end out 2006 Sorghum Festival and to start planning for the 2007 Festival. Anyone interested in volunteering for this year's festival needs to attend this meeting.

C-2-1-2t

## Groundhog Day Chili Dinner at Index Church

A Groundhog Day Chili Dinner has been set for Friday, Feb. 2, from 11 a.m. until 7 p.m., at Index Community Church. Menu will consist of Chili with choice of grilled cheese or peanut butter sandwich for only \$4. In town delivery available. Call 743-4733 to place orders. This event is being sponsored by Index Community Church Men's Fellowship, and all proceeds will be applied to the building fund.

## ELKFORK LODGE #755 Master Mason Degree SATURDAY, FEB. 10 Beginning at 7:00 pm POT LUCK!

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## Greenville Lodge meet. slated Saturday, Feb. 3

Greenville Masonic Lodge #655 f & AM will have the regular monthly meeting Saturday, Feb. 3, beginning at 7 p.m. A pot-luck meal will be served afterward. All members are urged to attend.

## Archery Tournament slated Saturday, Feb. 10

Morgan-Elliott 4-H Shooting Sports will sponsor an open Archery Tournament on Saturday, Feb. 10, at the Community Center, in West Liberty. Registration will be from 4 to 6 p.m. There will be adult, junior, and youth classes. For additional information call Kim Horton, 743-9347, or Randy Blair, 743-2997, evenings.

C-2-1-2t

## Texas Hold'em Tourney slated Friday, Feb. 9th

Headwaters Bass Club will be having a Texas Hold'em Tournament on Friday, Feb. 9. Registration will begin at 5:30 p.m. Tournament begins at 7:00 p.m. Entry fee: \$20 per person. Concessions available. Proceeds will help sponsor Kids Day. Headwaters Bass Club is located on Rt. 460 across from Country Carpet.

C-2-1-2t

## Commercial Bank to close for Presidents' Day

Commercial Bank will be closed Monday, Feb. 19, in observance of Presidents' Day.

The six most important words: I am sorry, please forgive me.

The five most important words: We can work this out.

The four most important words: I will help you.

The three most important words: I love you.

The two most important words: Thank you.

The most important word: Us.

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★ NEW LISTING! Ranch style home and detached 20x40 garage on Greasy Creek Rd. in Morgan County. 2 BR, 1 BA, gas heat, vinyl siding, front porch, deck, vinyl siding, shingle roof. \$69,500

★ NEW LISTING! 1998 Dutch mobile home, scenic view, on three surveyed lots in Sandy Hook. 2 BR, 2BA, new windows, front deck, vinyl siding, milk. \$69,900

★ NEW LISTING! Stop and look at this great deal. Located on Keith Whitley Blvd. in Sandy Hook, minutes from Little Sandy Correctional Facility. Nice subdivision. \$65,000

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★ NEW LISTING! Ranch style home, fresh paint, laminate hardwood flooring, move-in condition. Located on Keith Whitley Blvd. in Sandy Hook. 3 BR, 1 BA, baseboard heat. Reduced to sell quickly. \$65,500

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★ NEW LISTING! Commercial building on Main Street in Sandy Hook. Currently split into three rental spaces. Great income potential! \$155,000

★ NEW LISTING! 3± acres off Hwy 557, Elliott County. Minutes from town. \$13,500

★ NEW LISTING! First time on market. 110± acres, Horton Flats, Grayson Lake area. Excellent development potential. Elliott County. 1± mile from Carter County line. \$150,000

★ NEW LISTING! 115± acres, on old Rt. 7, close to prison. Nice metal building, concrete floors. \$39,000

★ NEW LISTING! 3 BR ranch home in Grayson City. Reduced to \$52,500

★ NEW LISTING! 9± acres located on old Rt. 7, close to prison. Nice metal building, concrete floors. \$39,000

★ NEW LISTING! Beautiful brick/ranch home on 2± wooded lot, on 556 (Ruin Road) Elliott County. 3BR, 2BA, hardwood flooring, baseboard heat. \$119,000

★ NEW LISTING! First time on market. 2002 24x44 doublewide on 2± acres on Lawson Road in Elliott County. 3 BR, 2 BA, city water. \$59,900

★ NEW LISTING! Ranch style home located on KY-172 in Morgan County. 3/4 BR, 2 BA, country kitchen, pantry area, two-car garage, big flat back yard. \$89,900

★ NEW LISTING! Excellent hunting, 43-acre property, Devitt's Fork Road, Elliott County. Wooded. \$22,500

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★ NEW LISTING! Beautiful brick/ranch home on 2± acres on Lawson Road in Elliott County. 3 BR, 2 BA, city water. \$59,900

★ NEW LISTING! 100± acres, new fence, older mobile home, excellent hunting, some cleared. Can be gated. Elliott County. \$97,900

★ NEW LISTING! 6 unit mobile home park, 4± acres, storage units. Elliott County. Reduced to \$159,900

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★ NEW LISTING! 14± acres on 706, Elliott County. Good building site with crop/pasture land, stocked pond. \$29,900

★ NEW LISTING! 14± acres, stocked pond, small dock, excellent hunting, some cleared. Neal Howard's Creek, Elliott County. \$64,500

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★ NEW LISTING! 3.75 acres, Elliott County. Stringtown Road. Several building sites. \$169,000

★ NEW LISTING! 15± acres, Fleming County, off Rt. 32, with pond, building sites, partially wooded. \$29,500

★ NEW LISTING! Restricted commercial lots now available in front of Laurel Gorge Inn, Elliott County. Water and sewer available. Excellent for any business. Prices range from \$75,000 and up.

★ NEW LISTING! 1.5± acres, Fleming County, off Rt. 32, with pond, building sites, partially wooded. \$29,500

★ NEW LISTING! 4± acres, commercial

# Booted out of his party, long-time Democrat stalwart Joe Lieberman remains unbowed; stance on war has never wavered

By Kimberley A. Strassel  
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WASHINGTON, D.C. — The war in Iraq brings to Joe Lieberman's mind an old Mark Twain story. "When a cat jumps on a hot stove, the cat never jumps on the stove again because the cat always assumes the stove is hot," says the senator from Connecticut. "But we are smarter than that. OK, so Vietnam didn't work out. But there are times when you've got to use force, to protect your security and to protect your principles."

Try telling that to the nuisance of congressional felines now prowling around the Iraq debate, eyeing it like a cooker on high boil. Next week will witness a Senate vote on a resolution condemning President Bush's new plan to quell growing secretarian violence and terrorism in Iraq by increasing the number of troops. While that vote may be largely symbolic, it comes amid far more ominous congressional calls to cut off war funding, to leave the Iraqis to settle their differences to bring the troops home.

If ever the Iraq political debate was at a crossroads, it's now.

At the center of this fray is Sen. Lieberman, a sort of Horatio at the congressional bridge — spiritedly trying to hold back a bipartisan stampede out of Iraq that he believes will result in devastating consequences for that country, the region and most importantly, U.S. national security.

"Iraq is the central part of a larger and ultimately longer-term conflict in the Middle East between moderates and extremists, between democrats and dictators, between Iran- and Iraq-sponsored terrorism and the rest of the Middle East... Are we going to surrender to them, surrender that country to them, and encourage people like them to be in authority and power all over the Middle East and in a better position to strike us again?" asks Mr. Lieberman. If only Livy had his quill today.

These are blunt words, and quite a few more flow from Mr. Lieberman throughout a lively interview in his office this past week. A born gentleman, he refrains from lobbing any pot shots at opponents. But he made clear that he felt Washington had been ducking an honest debate about the war and the consequences of abandoning it, hiding instead behind "cosmetic" resolutions and rhetoric. Four years into the conflict, Mr. Lieberman thinks there is value in remembering again why it is we're in Iraq.

This is well-trod ground for a man who supported not just the

first Gulf War, but sponsored the 1998 Iraq Liberation Act that aimed to topple the regime. In 2003 "we did something that was right and courageous, which was to overthrow Saddam Hussein," says Mr. Lieberman. "He was a genocidal dictator, he tried to assassinate a former American president, he used chemical weapons [on his]... own people... He was a hater of the United States." Saddam was a danger, not to mention a barrier in creating a democratic Middle East that ceases to be a threat to the U.S.

This is why the senator remains unmoved today by those colleagues who have abandoned the cause, lamenting that they were "deceived" about the existence of WMD or that they have "lost confidence in the leadership of the president." Says Mr. Lieberman: "If you still think, not only that the original purpose of going in was right, but that how it ends will have a significant effect on American security for a generation or more to come, then you don't back away." And that, he says, counts even in the face of faltering public opinion. "I think we are elected to lead... Americans are understandably responding to the carnage they see on TV every night, and what we have to urge them is not to surrender to the people who are causing that carnage."

Mr. Lieberman, who returned from his latest visit to Iraq in December, freely acknowledges what he believes were "the series of mistakes that were made after Saddam Hussein was overthrown," from the disbanding of the Iraqi army to our reluctance to send more troops (something he has advocated since the fall of 2003). Still, "we were getting to a point where we were making some significant progress — and it is important not to overlook this. There were three elections held. Those were a powerful demonstration of what no one is able to deny, even those who now want to turn away and give up on Iraq. Which is that the majority of Iraqi people want a better life for themselves and their families. The majority is not involved in secretarian violence and clearly not involved in terrorism.

There are still hopeful signs, he says. His recent trip included a stop in Ramadi in Anbar province — an area thick with terrorist operatives — where the senator saw evidence that "we've turned the tribal leaders to our side, against al Qaeda." Mr. Lieberman also felt from his discussions around the country that were strong signs a "moderate, multiethnic coalition" was coming together among political lead-

ers who support Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki in a renewed push to restore order. "This thing is still winnable," says Mr. Lieberman. "And it is critical that we take advantage of this opportunity to win."

Which gets to President Bush's proposal for more troops, a plan Mr. Lieberman enthusiastically endorses. "The people in Congress, and the public were quite right in saying the president's got to come up with a different approach. And he did. It's better than any other plan I've seen because it holds the hope of success. Most of the other plans are effectively just giving up and walking away."

Are 21,500 additional troops really enough? "I wish it was more, truthfully," he answers, throwing his own wish of 35,000 or even 40,000. "But I believe it is adequate. What I hope is that it is implemented quickly." The troops will be vital to quelling what Mr. Lieberman sees as several very different conflicts currently raging in Iraq. In Baghdad, more U.S. soldiers will bolster more Iraqi forces who aim to hold neighborhoods wracked by violence between local Shiites and Sunnis. In Anbar, they will hunt down al Qaeda. More troops, says Mr. Lieberman, will also provide the opportunity "to change the dynamic" in the wide war on terrorism, by sending a message to Iran and others that the U.S. will not abandon the region's moderates who are struggling to create a new democratic order.

And what of those Americans looking for some guarantee this will succeed? "None of us can be certain [the president's plan] is going to work; all the choices we have in Iraq right now are difficult. But by far, the one that is the worst, and would have disastrous consequences, is to pick up and leave, in small steps or in one large step, for all the reasons we know," he replies, emphatically. He also wants to speak beyond the proposal itself, to its author: "I have admiration for the present, because I believe he gets it. He understands the challenge of our time, which is from Islamic extremism... And he knows what he's doing is not popular. But he's doing it because he thinks it is right for the country."

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So what does Mr. Lieberman's Senate brethren, those who now want to turn tail for Rome, abandoning Horatio and his damned bridge to the enemy? What, I ask, accounts for the growing numbers of senators — including Republicans such as Nebraska's Chuck Hagel, Maine's Olympia Snowe,

Oregon's Gordon Smith — who could well provide the decisive votes to undermine their own president in a time of war?

Mr. Lieberman offers a few halfhearted (dare I say, gentlemanly) explanations for the Senate's frigid feet. Some fell let down because the WMDs were never found; others are effected in a political context by the loss of public support." But he ends up back at a baser truth, conceding that "some people, I just think have been partisan about this — and that, to me, is the worst reason."

Mr. Lieberman is also frustrated that those supporting the resolution are dodging the tough questions. "The resolution that is being talked about, in one sense I'd say it is offensive, because it is only cosmetic... It won't affect the implementation of a new plan to succeed, to win in Iraq. But at the same time it will send a mixed message to those who are fighting for us in Iraq, and those who are fighting against us in Iraq. It will be a very graphic example... that we are divided."

But what can Mr. Lieberman, President Bush and others do to stave off such a capitulation? For starters, he responds, his side needs to make sure the naysayers aren't allowed to just criticize. "Part of the case would be, look, if you are really against the war and you are really against what the president is proposing, have the nerve to do what Congress under the Constitution is allowed to do: Move to cut off the funding and then let's have a real head-to-head debate."

Critics of the president's approach might also be made to put forward an alternative, and justify their proposals — beyond some vague notion that must all be resolved by the Iraqi parliament, which Mr. Liberman explains isn't so much a solution as wishfulfillment. "There is an attempt by some of my colleagues here to say that it is wrong to think a military victory is possible, and in the end this requires a political solution among Iraqis. Well, of course it does. But as President Bush said, and as I believe, you can't have a political solution, you can't have economic growth... unless you first have security. That's key. Security's basic."

The other alternative, of course, is to simply admit defeat. Some in Congress are working up the courage to say as much, and to further suggest that abandoning Iraq wouldn't be all that bad. "People say this is just like Vietnam, we could leave, and that would be that. But it won't be that. We're in a war which has its origins in this part of the world, in

the Middle East, in the conflict within Islam. If we pull out and essentially surrender to the extremists and terrorists, they are naturally going to follow us right back to our shores.

And if we leave the place collapses. And it's more than civil war, it's ethnic cleansing. The Iranians come in and dominate a good chunk of the country. Al Qaeda takes over a good part and uses it as a base. The Kurds [can sustain themselves] but it gets very ominous... And then the same group of people who attacked us on 9/11, they achieve a victory, and they will use that victory to strike at us again."

Speaking of the threat posed by Iran, Mr. Lieberman has been equally unimpressed by the U.S.'s lack of resolve. "I'm troubled by this reflect reaction to talk with Iran. We're a strong enough country, when it seems productive we shouldn't hesitate to talk to anybody. But we ought to talk when it is in our interest, not theirs. And right now it is only in Iran's interest."

He says he's been encouraged by the administration's tough stance in recent weeks, and in particular President Bush's decision to move another carrier battle group to the Gulf region — "which sends a message to Iran."

Mr. Lieberman also notes that, "We know that some of our American soldiers are being killed by sophisticated IEDs from Iran. The evidence is just closed, clear, compelling... I can't believe the concern expressed by some of my colleagues here about whether we have a right to take prisoner Iranians who we conclude are either supplying weapons to Iraqis who are using them to kill American troops, or training them to kill American troops." As for the rest of the world community, "they're in denial."

What is remarkable, I think toward the end of our conversation, is how spry and feisty the senator looks. He did, after all, just come off a draining year fighting a bitter battle — against his own party — for his political life. Mr. Lieberman is now officially an "independent" (after being booted out of the Democrat Party, whose anti-war wing organized a campaign that beat him in the Connecticut primary). yet he takes care to describe himself as an "independent Democrat." Why identify with a party that is so uniformly opposed to him on an issue so dear to his heart? He admits he frets that foreign policy is the "Achilles heel" of his political side, and that "unless the Democratic Party can prove to the people it is not either pacifist or isolationist, but is willing to stand

up and protect the security of the American people, then we're going to have trouble electing a president."

His own Democratic heroes are Truman and Kennedy. "The Kennedy inaugural was the single... speech that brought me into public life. Those famous words 'Pay any price, bear any burden, meet any hardship, support any friend, oppose any foe, in order to assure the survival and the success of liberty.' That's what it meant to me to be a democrat." Horatio's challenge now is to convince his party — and more than a few Republicans — to also remember just who they are.

*Ms. Strassel is a member of the Journal's editorial board, based in Washington.*

## Inspiration Corner

By Louise Winchip



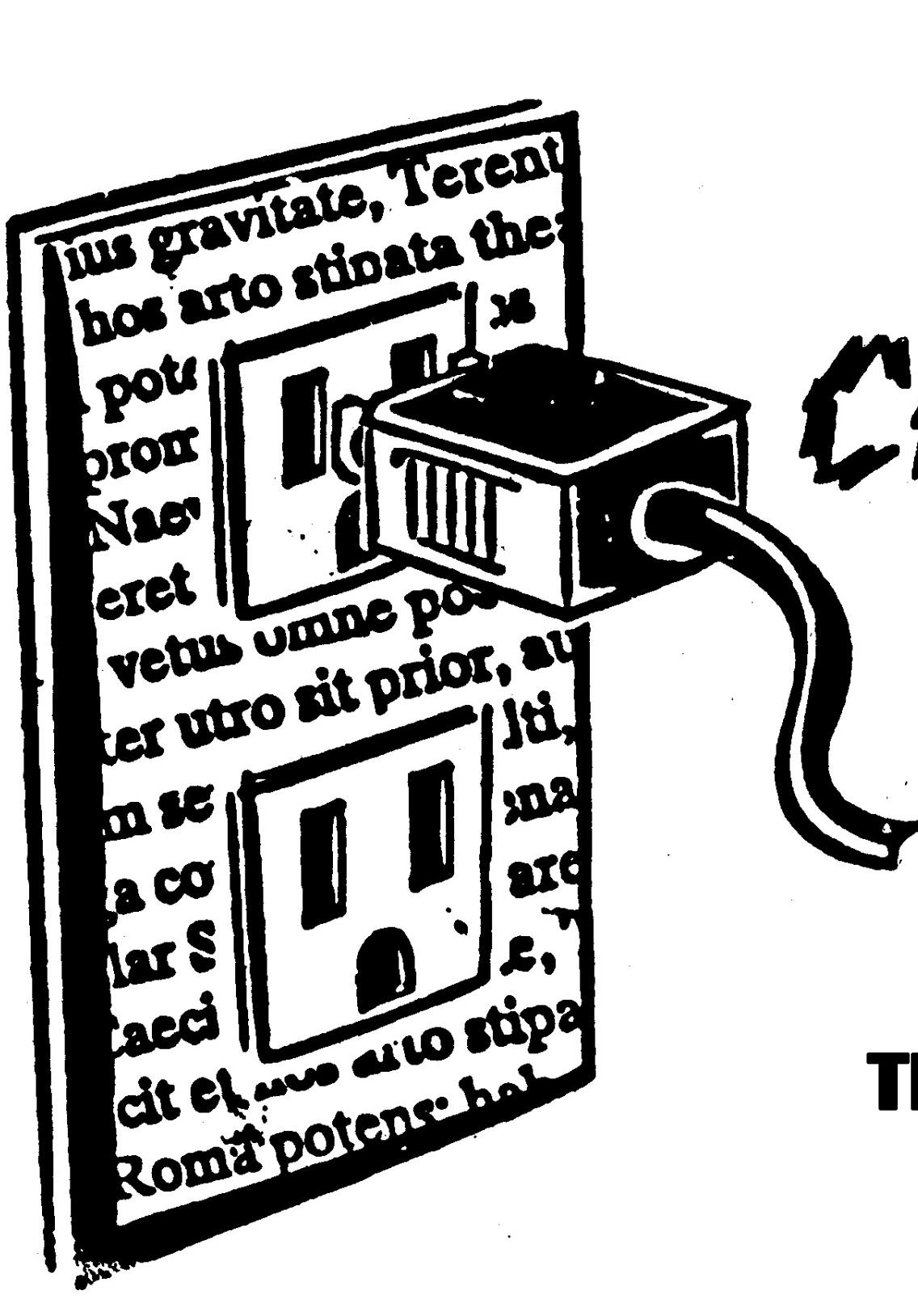
**In Memory of**  
**Louise Lee Winchip**  
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We were half way there, another half to cover until we reached our stopping place. We were enjoying the trip, pleasant scenery, and friendly conversation. We looked forward to arriving home and seeing our loved ones. We had been away for a couple of weeks and it felt as though we had been gone forever. What a blessing to be at home.

We may have been only a few miles from home, but we were away and that made the difference. The children were quiet as we came into familiar places. They had a great time on their vacation, but to be home that was the best place.

Maybe Jesus longed for His own home while here on earth. Folks scorned Him, ignored Him and was unkind to Him. There were a few people who loved Him and wanted to be with Him. Can you imagine how sad He was that men rejected Him and refused the new life He provided for them? Haven't you been sad when you gave a gift to someone and he or she set it aside as though it were nothing?

Jesus, Lord of Lord and King of Kings, invites you to come to Him today and enjoy the blessings that are ours in Christ Jesus. Remember, He is waiting for you. He never turns anyone away. He is the dearest Friend you could ever know. He loves you and wants to be a part of your life every day.



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### Fire victim accepts quilt from String Along Guild

Debbie Perkins, at left, accepts a patchwork quilt from String Along Quilt Guild President Libby Hammonds during the January 23rd String Along Guild meeting. Mrs. Perkins and her family lost all their belongings in a fire that destroyed their mobile home on Lick Branch in December, 2006. String Along Quilt Guild has given approximately 35 quilts to Morgan County families since the beginning of this project April 26, 2001.

### Memory Hill & Roundabout

By Hazel B. Craft

Jan. 29—Morgan County has been fortunate during the past cold spell. The weather has been colder than usual but nothing to compare to other sections. We had colder weather than usual but very little snow.

The past week several schools were closed, some with sickness and others with the cold weather.

The past Saturday my daughter, Angela Jackson, called from Winchester with the good news that Tess, Angela Thompson had arrived at the hospital in Frankfort, the daughter of Sherry Lynn and Glynn Thompson, the granddaughter of Eddie and Angela Craft Jackson, and the great granddaughter of Wardie and Hazel Craft. Tess's birthday centered around the 7's-born January 27, at 7 a.m. and weighed 7 lbs and 7 ozs. She sure was a welcome baby. The other siblings were so thrilled to welcome their baby sister; Joseph Emerson and Everett. Tess and Sherry Lynn are doing great. Angela said she was a one tired person awaiting the arrival of her granddaughter.

Edwin Benton called and wanted me to announce that there would be another reunion at the

Cannel City School May 26, 2007, at 1 p.m. until 3 p.m. We all thought that the last reunion was last year, but since Cannel City School will be in session all year, the alumni decided to have another reunion. I know there will be a grand get-together at this grand old school. Put this date on your calendar. Edwin said he wanted it announced early so that interested parties could make arrangements.

Services at our church were cancelled the third Sunday in January. A small crowd was present on Saturday night. Thanks Paul Turner and Robert Dunn for your presence. I had planned to attend the Brush Fork United Baptist Church, at Caney, the past Sunday but changed my mind after I saw that the bridge and lane were covered with snow and ice. Deborah Craft and Connie Cintron did attend. They reported Roy Collett was present and delivered a great sermon. This coming Sunday—the first Sunday in February there will be another service. Hopefully the weather will be ok.

Wardie would have been 98 February 8, it doesn't seem possible he has been gone nine years. The older a person becomes it seems the faster time goes. His death date is February 28.

Last night I got two very wel-

### Easterling reunion at Williams home

(The following article is being reprinted. It first appeared in The Licking Valley Courier sometime during the 1960s.)

The following descendants of the late William T. and Delilah Nickell Easterling met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Vinson Williams at Florress Sunday: Mr. and Mrs. W.L. (Billy T.) Easterling, Terri and David and Larry Pettit, of Wappingers Falls, N.Y., Mrs. Maude Easterling, Jean Easterling, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Welch, of Louisville, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Black, Mike, Connie, and Lesley, Mrs. Eva Elliott, Mr. and Mrs. Denzil Elliott, Mr. and Mrs. Dorsie D. Franklin, Kathy Black and Gary Adkins, of West Liberty, Mrs. James V. Henry, Mrs. Ollie Riggsby and Joyce, Terri, Bernice, Lucy, and Junior, of Cottle, Mr. and Mrs. Kennell Lewis, of Florress.

The group also celebrated Mr. Welch's birthday. He was surprised by gifts, cards, and a cake baked and decorated by Marie Franklin. Tables of fine food, picture-taking, reminiscences, and games were enjoyed by all.

W.L. Easterling is on his way from New York to Ft. Walton Beach, Florida, to instruct an IBM training class. Young Pettit will fly from Indianapolis, Indiana, Wednesday to New Mexico for the National Boy Scout meeting there.

come calls. Bill Stamper called. He said they would probably be home around March first. He said he hadn't done much fishing since his recent scare when he fell into the Okeechobee Lake. The other call was from a great supporter of Memory Hill: Lowell Taulbee, of Ohio, the son of the late Raymond Taulbee. He has a brother, Darrel, who works at the Ky. University. Lowell is very proud of his brother. Lowell's father and my mother are first cousins. We had a long discussion of the Taulbees, of whom we are very proud to be connected.

Deborah and I spent last Friday on a tour to West Liberty, Salyersville, and Jackson--picked up some brochures at Salyersville Independent, visited the Ky. Explorer, also went to War Mart at Jackson. While at the Salyersville Independent we ran into Hansom Rowe, Wardie's distant cousin from Magoffin County. He told me about the murder of the Rowe lady but said they weren't out of the same family. He said he tried to pick up The Licking Valley Courier so he could read the Memory Hill news.

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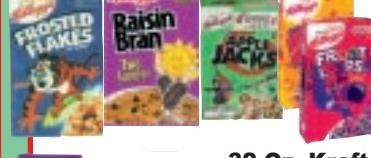
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## 1,000 points!!

**Leslie Eagle reaches scoring milestone in victory over Lewis County; scores another 18 as Morgan beats Pikeville**

By David Patrick

Leslie Eagle scored a game-high 16 points, including the 1,000th of her young career as the Lady Cougars beat Lewis County, 62-38.

The sophomore came into the game only 10 points shy of the mark. She scored seven of those in the game's first eight minutes before reaching the milestone on a three-pointer early in the second quarter. Eagle was then presented the game ball by Morgan County Coach Jeff Brown in recognition of her achievement.

"I am very proud of Leslie and the way she has played this year," Brown said after the game. "She is a special player."

The Lady Cougars rode the momentum of Eagle's basket to a six-point halftime lead before blowing the game open in the third quarter. Jacey Curd scored seven in the frame, while Kayla Kelly and Eagle added five and four points, respectively. Alyssa Dulen then scored six of Morgan's 16 fourth period points as the Lady Cougars closed out the impressive 24-point win.

Appropriately enough, Eagle pulled down 11 rebounds to go along with her 16 points—giving her a double-double on the evening she'll long remember. Curd and Hannah Fugate added 12 points each, while Dulen finished with 10. Kelly scored nine points and grabbed 10 boards.

**Morgan County 68  
Pikeville 57**

Leslie Eagle and Hannah Fugate combined for 34 points for a 68-57 win on the road over Pikeville.

Morgan County jumped out to an early 20-16 lead, thanks to three-point baskets by Eagle, Jacey Curd, and Alyssa Dulen. However, Pikeville outscored the Lady Cougars 13-8 in the second period to hold a 29-28 lead at inter-



Leslie Eagle scored her 1000th career point last Friday in Morgan County's win over Lewis County. The sophomore was awarded the game ball by Coach Jeff Brown in recognition of her achievement.

mission.

But Morgan put up 40 points in the second half, including 21 in the third quarter. Seven Lady Cougars scored in the frame, led by five points from Jacey Curd and four each from Eagle and Meghan Howard. Eagle then capped her 18-point effort with 11 points over the final eight minutes to lead Morgan to the 11-point victory.

Curd scored 10 points for the Lady Cougars, while Dulen and Howard tallied nine and eight, respectively.

Eagle finished strong with nine points

## Double-doubles by Haney and Ferguson spark win over S. Floyd

By David Patrick

Katlin Haney scored 23 points and grabbed 16 rebounds to help the Cougars past South Floyd at Veterans Memorial Gym, 74-60.

After falling behind by six after one quarter, Morgan County found its offense in a big way the remainder of the game. Haney scored four field goals in the second quarter and Derrick Young added a three-pointer as Matthew Perry's team trimmed the deficit to two heading to intermission.

The third period belonged to Morgan. The Cougars racked up a game-high 26 points during the period, including four three-point baskets. Derrick Young led the way in that department with a couple of bombs, while Haney and Wes Montgomery knocked down one apiece. Morgan led 56-50 heading to the final period.

The Cougars relied on free throws to close out the win. The team converted 10 of 14 over the game's final eight minutes. For the game, Morgan hit a respectable 21 of 28 (75%).

Like Haney, Brandon Ferguson registered a double-double on the evening, finishing with 15 points and 10 rebounds.



The duo also combined for nine assists. Young and Montgomery added 16 apiece for Morgan.

Brandon Ferguson (21) takes the ball to the hoop. Ferguson scored 15 points and collected 10 rebounds in Cougars' win over South Floyd.

Photo By KentNickell

## Cougars lose to Elliott and Fleming

By David Patrick

**Elliott County – 83**

**Morgan County – 57**

Jonathan Ferguson and Ethan Faulkner combined for 51 points as Elliott County beat the Cougars in Sandy Hook.

The Lions built a comfortable 14-point lead in the first quarter as Faulkner and his twin brother, Evan, teamed up for 10 points. Ethan then added another seven in the second quarter, which was complemented by five points by Ferguson and a three-point basket from Timothy Knipp. Elliott held a commanding 37-22 lead at intermission.

Morgan did manage to hold its own with a 22-point third quarter. Brandon Ferguson scored seven points, while Katlin Haney and Wes Montgomery tallied six apiece, as the Cougars kept the deficit under 20 heading into the final eight minutes. But Elliott finished strong with nine points

from Ferguson and seven free throws by Ethan Faulkner as the Lions posted the 26-point victory.

Haney converted seven of 10 shots from the field to lead Morgan with 20 points. Montgomery and Ferguson added 16 and 13 points, respectively, while Ferguson pulled down a team-best 11 rebounds.

**Fleming County – 56**

**Morgan County – 49**

Cory Moore scored 13 of his game-high 24 points in the first half as host Fleming County turned away Morgan, 56-49.

It was Matthew Perry's team that grabbed the early lead as Katlin Haney and Wes Montgomery combined for 11 points as the Cougars went up 15-12 after one quarter. And despite Moore's six field goals over the first two periods, Morgan maintained a 25-24 advantage at the half.

But like it has so many times before, the third quarter spelled

disaster for Morgan County. The Cougars surrendered eight field goals, including a pair of three-point baskets to Jesse Roberts. With it, Morgan found itself down 11 heading to the fourth quarter.

Montgomery, Brandon Ferguson and John Robert Henderson each scored two field goals apiece over the final eight minutes but it would not be enough. Moore countered with seven points for Fleming, and Bailey Ellison knocked down three of four free-throw attempts as the Panthers earned their fifth victory of the season. Haney led Morgan with 15 points, while Montgomery finished with 12. John Robert Henderson and Brandon Ferguson scored eight apiece.

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**ATHLETE OF THE WEEK**

### Leslie Eagle

#### MCHS Girls' Basketball Team:

**This week's athlete of the week is 5'7" sophomore guard Leslie Eagle. Leslie reached a great milestone last Friday night vs. Lewis County. She became the 7th member of the MCHS Lady Cougar basketball 1,000 point club. Leslie finished the game with an impressive 16 points, 11 rebounds, 4 assists, and 4 steals! The Lady Cougars won the game 62-38 to pick up their 10th victory of the season. Congrats to Leslie Eagle on her accomplishment and overall team performance.**



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## Cannel City Elementary School's final Christmas pgm. festive but bittersweet

Ask anyone who attends or has ever attended Cannel City Elementary what some of their most cherished memories are and somewhere in the conversation they will tell you, "When I went to school at Cannel City." This was never more evident than on the night of December 7, 2006, when Cannel City Elementary School put on its final Christmas production. The throng of approximately 500 visitors came to be a part of this celebration and to see the school beautifully adorned for the final time in it's Christmas attire.

Numerous students, staff and family members as well as former faculty and students were in attendance and wanted to be a part of this closing chapter in Morgan County history. The crowd was not to be disappointed. In addition to the annual program that is performed by the students singing songs and reciting poems, two fifth grade students, Chesley Hembree and Braxton Howard, served as masters of ceremonies. This year, past alumni spoke and reminisced about their days at Cannel City when it was a high school and in later years when it became the grade school it is today.

Fond recollections and even some shed tears were shared by the various speakers. Jimmie Jones, a former teacher; Bill Frank and Donna Lacy, Patty Barker and Mike Lindon, all past students, took the podium and conveyed their heartfelt feelings about their beloved school.

Cannel City School is even the home of several talented singers who wanted to do their part in the

history making event. These included Neal Clark, Tammy Prater Miller, who is also a former staff member and was accompanied in song by her husband, Wayne, and Crystal Benton, who is now a high school student at Morgan County High School. All sang beautiful songs to mark the occasion. There was also a visit from the Puppeteers of Grace Baptist Church to perform their program.

Several families had members who had attended Cannel City for four generations. One of these is a current teacher at CCES with children of her own who are now students at CCES. These fourth generation members were asked to join in the festivities by proudly standing and being recognized. Eighteen former teachers and employees were in attendance as

well as current staff members.

Light refreshments of cake and punch were served to the large crowd of proud students, parents, teachers, staff members and alumni of Cannel City School. Mrs. Brenda Whitt is proud to have held the distinct honor and privilege of serving as the final Cannel City principal.

Who says you can't go home again? On the night of December 7, 2006, there were many former Cannel City Raiders who did just that.

Next fall, Cannel City school, built by local people employed by the Works Progress Administration (WPA) in the 1930s, will close after this term and students will be transferred to the new Morgan Central Elementary at Greear.

### UK COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE University of Kentucky — College of Agriculture Extension Notes

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#### Has This Property Been Used As A Meth Lab?

The U.S. Department of Justice, Drug Enforcement Administration, has developed a register that lists the addresses of locations where law enforcement agencies have reported finding chemicals or other items that indicate the property is (or has been) used as a meth lab or dumpsite. The site can be viewed at <http://www.dea.gov/seizures/index.html>.

The DEA cautions the user of this site that the listing is not complete nor have they verified that the information is accurate. They only list what is reported to them by local and state law enforcement. Therefore questions about a listed property should be directed to local law enforcement.

This register can be of some use to potential purchasers and renters. Farmers who lease land may also find the information helpful. The chemicals, residue, and toxic trash left behind by lab operators can be dangerous to humans and animals as well as soil and ground water. Clean up and decontamination of the land

may be necessary to insure the health and well-being of future residents.

Children, frail elderly, and others in compromised health situations are particularly vulnerable to the effects of chemical and production toxins.

Presently, there is limited financial assistance available to help clean up or decontaminate these properties. There are very few private companies equipped or trained in reclamations of this sort. Guidelines for such clean up are also inconsistent and unclear.

Kentucky law makers will be considering HB 94, introduced by Rep. Tanya Pullin, (Greenup County), which addresses some of these issues.

If the bill passes and becomes law there will still be a need to allocate or locate funds to meet the provisions of the bill.

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## Groundhog Day's traditional weather lore has European roots

(Adapted from "Groundhog Day: 1886 to 1992" by Bill Anderson; information is from [www.groundhogday.org](http://www.groundhogday.org).)

Groundhog Day, tomorrow, Feb. 2, is a popular tradition in the United States. It is also a legend that traverses centuries, its origins clouded in the mists of time with ethnic cultures and animals awaking on specific dates. Myths such as this tie our present to the distant past when nature did, indeed, influence our lives. It is the day that the Groundhog comes out of his hole after a long winter sleep to look for his shadow.

If he sees it, he regards it as an omen of six more weeks of bad weather and returns to his hole.

If the day is cloudy and, hence, shadowless, he takes it as a sign of spring and stays above ground.

The groundhog tradition stems from similar beliefs associated with Candlemas Day and the days of early Christians in Europe, and for centuries the custom was to have the clergy bless candles and distribute them to the people. Even then, it marked a milestone in the winter and the weather that day was important.

According to an old English song:

If Candlemas be fair and bright,

Come, Winter, have another flight;

If Candlemas brings clouds and rain,

Go Winter, and come not again.



Groundhogs are used to predict winter weather every Groundhog Day on Feb. 2.

According to an old Scotch couplet:

If Candlemas Day is bright and clear,

There'll be twa (two) winters in the year.

Another variation of the Scottish rhyme:

If Candlemas day be dry and fair,

The half o' winter to come and mair;

If Candlemas day be wet and foul,

The half of winter's gone at Yule.

The Roman legions, during the conquest of the northern European tribes, supposedly brought this tradition to the Teutons, or Germans, who picked it up and concluded that if the sun made an appearance on Candlemas Day, an animal, the hedgehog, would cast a shadow, thus predicting six more weeks of bad weather, which they interpolated as the length of the "Second Winter."

Pennsylvania's earliest settlers were Germans and they found

groundhogs to in profusion in many parts of the state. They determined that the groundhog, resembling the European hedgehog, was a most intelligent and sensible animal and therefore decided that if the sun did appear on Feb. 2, so wise an animal as the groundhog would see its shadow and hurry back into its underground home for another six weeks of winter.

The Germans recited:

For as the sun shines on Candlemas Day,

*So far will the snow swirl until the May.*

This passage may be the one most closely represented by the first Punxsutawney Groundhog Day observances because there were references to the length of shadows in early Groundhog Day predictions.

Another Feb. 2 belief, used by American 19th century farmers, was:

Groundhog Day - Half your hay.

New England farmers knew that we were not close to the end of winter, no matter how cloudy Feb. 2 was. Indeed, Feb. 2 is often the heart of winter. If the farmer didn't have half his hay remaining, there may have been lean times for the cows before spring and fresh grass arrived.

The ancient Candlemas legend and similar belief continue to be recognized annually on Feb. 2 due to the efforts of the Punxsutawney Groundhog Club.

## Demand for ethanol poses challenges to pork industry

WASHINGTON, D.C., Jan. 10, 2007 — While expressing their support for the development and use of alternative and renewable fuels, the National Pork Producers Council (NPPC) and the Iowa Pork Producers Association (IPPA) in testimony before the Senate Agriculture Committee detailed pork producers' concerns with the rapid rise in ethanol demand.

The organizations cited several challenges facing pork producers, including diminishing corn stocks, rising corn prices and issues with using distiller's grains – an ethanol by-product – in pig diets.

A study by the Center for Agricultural and Rural Development (CARD) at Iowa State University found that current crude oil prices and government policies allow the ethanol industry to pay up to \$4.05 per bushel of corn. (The ethanol industry receives government subsidies of \$1.53 per bushel of corn and a blender's tax credit of \$0.51 per gallon of ethanol, and there's a federal mandate on ethanol production.)

"These incentives have the ethanol industry growing at an almost unbelievable pace," said Gene Gourley, a pork producer and swine nutritionist from Webster City, Iowa, who testified on behalf of NPPC and IPPA.

"New plants are springing up everywhere, and they're using a lot of corn."

Several sources, including the Renewable Fuels Association, forecast large increases in corn usage by the ethanol industry in the next year. Former USDA grain economist William Tierney predicts that the annual usage rate will be more than 10 billion bushels by the end of 2009 if all of the ethanol plants currently under construction or planned come on line. Currently, the U.S. pork industry uses about 1.1 billion bushels of corn, and the entire livestock industry uses more than 6 billion bushels. In 2006, corn growers produced 10.7 billion bushels. The CARD study estimated that corn use by the ethanol industry would reduce corn availability for livestock feed by 33 percent, causing reductions in the size of the U.S. pork and poultry industries.

With regard to distiller's grains (DDGS), Gourley told the committee that there are a number of issues related to feeding them to pigs, including inconsistent quality, variability of nutrient content and the potential presence of mycotoxins. He pointed out that DDGS are far more useful in diets for beef and dairy cattle, meaning those producers are willing to pay more for them.

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Lauren Burton

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President Dwight D. Eisenhower founded the organization in 1956 in hopes that different cultures could come together in peace and friendship. During Lauren's travels she will be meeting their government officials, staying a few days with a host family, visiting their schools and learning their culture. It is a great honor to be one of the students representing Morgan County as a Student Ambassador. We are very proud of her accomplishments.

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**CLUES ACROSS**

- Present flow of electricity
- Opposite of wild or frivolous
- Trophy seeker (3, 4, 6)
- Type of cheese
- Car-care professional
- An evasive statement
- There is no soft option in this technique
- A light swelling?
- A couple of dozen (4, 3, 6)
- Surrender
- One who's good with a lure

**CLUES DOWN**

- Expand beyond basic channels (5, 2)
- In Wales, call him John
- No, not here!
- Whitey, Sandy or Lefty, e.g.
- N.E. Massachusetts city
- Rustic
- Famous Princess
- It's for hanging headgear
- Deposit ashes after cremation
- Explains existence of unsold goods (2, 5)
- Quite sizeable
- A beeline is the shortest
- Soup server
- Let fly at a fly, perhaps

**SOLUTIONS**

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# Cable TV Channel Guide

FRIDAY EVENING February 2											
NBC 3	News	NBC	Fortune	Jeo-	1 vs. 100	Las Vegas	Law & Order	News	Tonight		
CBS 4	News	News	Fortune	Jeo-	Ghost Whisperer	Commercials	NUMB3RS	News	Late		
ABC 6	News	ABC	Enter-	Jim	Grey's Anatomy	20/20	20/20	News	Night-		
PBS 7	Math	Busi-	News-Lehrer	Com-	Group Wash	NOW	Power of Choice: Life	News			
NBC 8	News	NBC	Inside	Extra	1 vs. 100	Las Vegas	Law & Order	News	Tonight		
WGN 9	Home	Home	Shocking Mom.	Shocking Mom.	Shocking Mom.	News	Funniest	Sex &	Scrubs		
FOX 11	Simp-	My Wife	Friends	Simp-	Nanny 911	Trading Spouses	News	Friends	Seinfeld		
CBS 12	News	News	Legends	King	Ghost Whisperer	Commercials	NUMB3RS	News	Sports		
TBS 13	Seinfeld	Ray-	Ray-	10 Things I Hate About You	***½ Hitch (2005)	***½ A Knight's Tale (2001)					
ENC 14	*** Edward Scissorhands (1990)	Cont'd	*** Hitch (2005)		***½ The Devil's Advocate (1997)						
FAM 15	Everwood	Smallville	*** Steel Magnolias (1989)		Whose?	The 700 Club					
LIFE 16	Reba	Still	Still	Reba	Obsessed (2002)	Will	Will				
A&E 17	Crossing Jordan	CSI: Miami	CSI: Miami	CSI: Miami	CSI: Miami	CSI: Miami	CSI: Miami				
SHOW 19	**½ Sahara (2005)		*½ The Zodiac (2005)		The L Word	Masters of Horror	Boxing				
DISN 20	Life	Raven	Mon-	Suite	Mon-	Cory	Kronk's New Groove	Emperor	Suite	Raven	
MAX 21	Doom	Animal House	***½ Just Friends (2005)		The Shawshank Redemption						
HBO 22	Racing	King	Inside the NFL	Rome	Rome	Rome	Extras	Un-			
AMC 24	*½ Hellfighters (1968)	Cont'd	** Volcano (1997)		*** The Towering Inferno (1974)						
USA 25	Law Order: CI	Law Order: CI	Law & Order: SVU	Monk	Psych	House					
DSC 26	It Takes a Thief	Man vs. Wild	Dirty Jobs	Dirty Jobs	Dirty Jobs	Dirty Jobs	Stunt	Stunt			
ESPN 27	SportsCenter	NBA	NBA Basketball: Nets at Magic		NBA Basketball						
TNT 32	Law & Order	Law & Order	*** Drumline (2002)		*** Drumline (2002)						
SCI 33	Stargate SG-1	Heroes	Jake 2.0	Jake 2.0	Jake 2.0	Jake 2.0	Jake 2.0				

SATURDAY EVENING February 3											
NBC 3	News	NBC	Fortune	Jeo-	Dateline NBC	Law & Order: SVU	Law Order: CI	News	SNL		
CBS 4	News	News	Fortune	Jeo-	CSI: Miami	Without a Trace	48 Hours Mystery	News			
ABC 6	News	ABC	Ent. Tonight	Sports Bloop.	Anchorman: Legend of Ron	News	Without				
PBS 7	Lawrence Welk	Crater	Red	Ky Life	Ken-Nature	Singing River	Austin City Limits				
NBC 8	News	NBC	Idol Rewind	Dateline NBC	Law & Order: SVU	Law Order: CI	News	SNL			
WGN 9	Idol Rewind	Funnies	Funnies	Shockin Behavior	WGN News	NBA Basketball: Bulls at Trail Blazers					
FOX 11	Seinfeld	My Wife	Ray-	Cops	Cops	Most Wanted	News	Mad TV			
CBS 12	WYMT	News	King	Deskins	CSI: Miami	Without a Trace	48 Hours Mystery	WYMT	Sports		
TBS 13	Father of the Bride Part II			**½ X-Men United (2003)		**½ Overboard (1987)					
ENC 14	*½ A Lot Like Love (2005)			**½ National Treasure (2004)		** Rambo: First Blood Part II (1985)					
FAM 15	**** Matilda (1996)			Scooby-Doo 2: Monsters Unleashed		Scooby-Doo 2: Monsters Unleashed					
LIFE 16	Lies My Mther	Nora Roberts' Angels Fall (2007)		*½ Christina's House (2000)		Medium					
A&E 17	Sell	Spender	Sell	Flip This House	Flip This House	The First 48	American Justice				
SHOW 19	Lucky 13	Sham-	*** Rize (2005)		Boxing: Tomasz Adamek vs. Chad Dawson	L Word					
DISN 20	Emperor	Raven	Mon-	Suite	Replace Dragon	The Color of Friendship	Raven				
MAX 21	**** War of the Worlds (2005)			** Running Scarred (2006)							
HBO 22	*½ Roll Bounce (2005)			**½ King Kong (2005)		Rome					
AMC 24	** Volcano (1997)	Cont'd		*½ Ladder 49 (2004)		*½ Lake Placid (1999)					
USA 25	Monk	Psych	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU					
DSC 26	Surgery Saved	Surgery Saved	Surgery Saved	Surgery Saved	Surgery Saved	Surgery Saved					
ESPN 27	Figure Skating: Euro Champ	Figure Skating: U.S. Championships	Figure Skating: U.S. Championships	Sports-	NFL	SportsCenter					
TNT 32	The Closer	The Closer	The Closer	The Closer	The Closer	The Closer					
SCI 33	Ghost Hunters	Ghost Hunters	Ghost Hunters	The Dresden Files	The Dresden Files	Battlestar Gal					

SUNDAY EVENING February 4											
NBC 3	News	NBC	Grease: You're	Grease: You're	Grease: You're	The One That I Want	News	Star Trek			
CBS 4	Kickoff	NFL Football: Super Bowl XLI -- Chicago Bears vs. Indianapolis Colts	Criminal Minds	CSI: Miami	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: CI	Friday Night Lights	Deal or No Deal	Medium	News	Tonight
ABC 6	News	ABC	Makeover: Home	Home Videos	** Old School (2003)	News					

# CHURCH DIRECTORY

**Williams Creek-Elkfork Community Church**, Rt. 3, West Liberty, KY 41472, phone 522-4111 or 522-4591, Rev. Herbert Wright, pastor. Sunday radio service 2:30 pm to 3:30 pm. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Sunday evening 7:00 pm. Wednesday prayer service 7:00 pm.

**Redeemed Old Regular Baptist Church**, Casey, KY. Elder Roy Collett, pastor. Services third weekend of each month. Saturday 6:30 pm. Sunday 9:30 am.

**Watson Enterprise Baptist Church**, HC 75, Sandy Hook, KY. Larry Dale Ison, pastor. Mike Gilliam, assistant pastor. Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am.

**Wells Chapel Church Of God**, Stacy Fork, KY. Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday evening 6:00 pm. Rev. Ivan Hinton, pastor. Everyone welcome.

## The duck at the park: The rest of the story

By Sandra Kellogg

As Paul Harvey says . . . Now for the rest of the story.

When I was a youngster, my family often traveled into Elliott County and as soon as we crossed the county line, it felt to me like we were entering a foreign country. The duck at Old Mill Park is from Elliott County, but originally, the Muscovy ducks are from South America/Mexico. Martha Thomas, one of my favorite people in my growing up years, used to tell me that anyone not from Morgan County was a foreigner, so I guess we can say the new addition that has caused such a stir among walkers and joggers at Old Mill Park is a foreigner for sure.

When I returned to West Liberty (to the Cow Branch area), I brought my daughter and son-in-law to live with me temporarily. Country life is not country without animals, so I brought rabbits from Georgetown, chickens bought in Morgan County, and two guineas and 14 ducks from the foreign country (keeping with Martha's belief).

My daughter moved into my house a month before I came and she and her husband had plenty of time to walk the hills and discover that the creek water beside the house was more suitable to them for drinking than my well water. After adding ducks to the yard of free-running animals, they came to me and said that the ducks had ruined their water hole and wondered what we could do. I sided with the ducks, reminding Wendy that we had halved the cost of the beautiful ducks, so my half would stay. I found the ducks a very peaceful part of the back yard. I loved looking out my kitchen window and seeing ducks swimming in the creek.

I took corn and made a path from the back yard to the front to another nice water hole and sure enough, the ducks ate the corn and started swimming in the creek there.

Muscovy ducks are quite interesting. According to an article in Mother Earth News, they do not adjust well to extremely cold climates, but and item on the



**George at Old Mill Park**

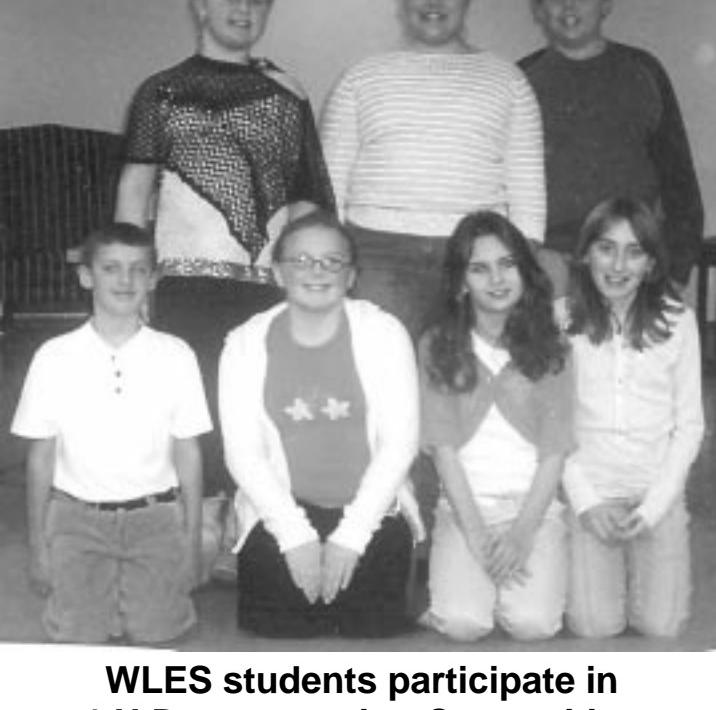
Internet says they adjust very well. They have feet that enable them to cling to trees, where ours loved to roost at night, if they hadn't gone to the woodpile on my front porch first, and they can fly great distances. One great asset is that they can fend for themselves, living off insects and other natural food if necessary (or neighbor Kermit Day's bird feeder) if I was away from home longer than planned.

Now, more about the duck on Licking River. George is the duck's name. He got it from a friend in Georgetown who taught him to eat out of his hand. Of all the ducks, it is the only one that would come close to people.

How do you tell the male from a female? The male makes a hissing sound, whereas the female makes a sound more like a coo.

Before ending, I must tell a story on myself. My daughter told me that when I was out of town visiting one of my sons, she discovered that the ducks loved to fly up on the roof and they could be heard walking all over the tin roof. She said that they might awaken me and scare me if I wasn't aware of it. One day, I was washing dishes and looked out the window just in time to see the ducks flying, just like geese, all the way from the back of my land, in formation and land on the roof. I got used to that duck walk sound.

One night, though, around 11:30, I was awakened to a sudden sound totally unknown to me that sounded like someone opened and closed my van door, which was parked beside my window. I thought I must be dreaming and returned to sleep. Thirty minutes later I definitely heard it



**WLES students participate in 4-H Demonstration Competition**

Congratulations to West Liberty Elementary students, bottom row, Ryan Steele, 5th grade, first place; Amber Cantrell, Kaylee Rowe, 4th grade, first place; Kaylyn Henson. Back row, left to right, Savannah Jo Johnson, 4th grade, third place; Shelby Roe, and Ben Tyler Montgomery. Each child was chosen to represent their classroom at Morgan County's 4-H Demonstration Competition. Each child received participation ribbons, with winners receiving trophies and certificates for cash off 4-H camp this summer. The winners will also have the opportunity to compete at the District Level in the Spring. The winners brought their trophies home with dooey gooey cake, bird feeder, and easy cheesy omlet meal demonstrations.

### NOT RAISING HOGS?

Hon. Secretary of Agriculture Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir,

My friend, Dan Hansen, over at Honey Creek, Iowa, received a check for \$1,000 from the government for not raising hogs. So I want to go into the "not raising hogs" business next year.

What I want to know is, in your opinion, what is the best kind of farm not to raise hogs on? And what is the best breed of hogs not to raise? I want to be sure that I approach this endeavor in keeping with all the government policies.

As I see it, the hardest part of "not raising hogs" program is keeping an accurate inventory of how many hogs I have not raised.

My friend Hansen is very joyful about the future of the business. He has been raising hogs for 20 years or so, and the best he has ever made on them was \$422 in 1968, until this year when he got your check for the \$1,000 for not raising 50 hogs.

If I get \$1,000 for not raising 50 hogs, then would I get \$2,000 for not raising 100 hogs? I plan to operate on a small scale at first, holding myself to about 4,000 hogs not raised in the first year, which would bring in about \$80,000; then I can afford an airplane.

Now another thing – these hogs I will not raise will not eat

100,000 bushels of corn. I understand that the government also pays people not to raise corn and wheat. Would I qualify for payments for not raising these crops not to feed my hogs I will not be raising?

I want to get started as soon as possible, as this seems to be a good time of year for the "not raising hogs" and "not planting crops" business."

Also, I am giving serious consideration to the "not milking cows" business and any information you would have on the endeavor would be greatly appreciated.

In view of the fact that I will be totally unemployed, I will be filing for unemployment and food stamps, and was wondering how long that process takes.

Be assured, Mr. Secretary, you will have my vote in the upcoming election.

Patriotically yours,

John Doe

P.S. – Would you please notify me when you plan to give out that free government cheese again?

**THOUGHT FOR THE DAY**

Anyone can carry his burden, however heavy, until nightfall. Anyone can do his work, however hard, for one day. Anyone can live sweetly, patiently, lovingly, purely, till the sun goes down and that is all that life really means.

– Robert Louis Stevenson

### Google offered tax breaks to fill closed plant in rural N.C.

Jan. 18 — The rural Piedmont of North Carolina and Virginia has been hit hard by a steep decline in the area's three traditional industries — furniture, tobacco and textiles. Now, as a Virginia company closes its last furniture plant, massive tax breaks are proposed to attract a \$600 million Google server hub to Lenoir, N.C., on the site.

"State and local governments could hand Google more than \$100 million in tax breaks over the next 30 years," Jreports Jonathan Cox of the Raleigh, N.C. News and Observer. "In exchange, the company that runs the world's largest search engine would build a hub in this foothills community for its massive international computer network and hire 210 people." The company's investment would equal about half the tax base of Lenoir.

Cox reports that many residents are unsure about just what Google and a "server farm" are, who would work for it, and whether the tax breaks are appropriate. "People are expectant but hesitant," Dinell Clark, owner of

a new home-furnishings store in Lenoir, told Cox. "What do we get for that 30-year generosity?"

City and county governments have agreed to exempt Google from all business-property taxes and 80 percent of real-estate taxes for 30 years if Google locates in Caldwell County, formerly a furniture hub, which has 3,400 people on the unemployment rolls. State tax incentives would total about \$96 million.

— Ky. Institute for Rural Journalism

### Turn Right And Then Go Straight

I was searching for a business In a town I'd never been, And I asked a man directions How to find the store, and then He pointed to the corner,

And with a friendly smile he said,

"You're near it, mate.

Go to the corner at the church, Turn right and then go straight."

And you know, I got to thinking,

As I thanked him courteously,

Those were really good

directions

That this stranger gave to me.

If you want to reach the kingdom,

And I feel we're at the gate,

Go to the church on the corner,

Turn right and then go

straight.

For you know our Jesus told us

That the road's a narrow way;

And straight's the gate we

enter in

On that bright and glorious

day.

And few there are who find it,

Or who've walked that narrow

road,

There's not many who are

willing

To let Jesus take their load.

For the attitudes, "I'll do it,

I'd rather carry all the weight;

My lifestyle's not conducive to

Turn right and go straight."

But if Heaven is your homeland

And you're hoping to go

home;

And you're tired of all the

roaming

In a place that's not your home,

And for our Lord you're looking

And you can hardly wait,

Then brothers, sisters, here's

directions –

Turn right, then go straight!

— Patricia A. Grimes  
(Submitted by  
Carol Finch Adkins)

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A ministry of Teen Challenge International, Lifeline of Eastern Kentucky offers non-residential ministry groups designed to reach out to people facing everyday challenges of life that can become overwhelming, such as addiction to alcohol and other drugs, and to provide support for their families by implementing the five components of recovery: decision, positive peer choice, accountability, boundaries and consistency.

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- **Concerned Persons** -- Specifically targets families of those struggling with addictions and covers enabling, boundaries, co-dependency, as well as comfort, hope and letting go and letting God.
- **Stepping Into Freedom** -- A 12-step faith-based recovery group ministry for addicts.
- **Restoring Families** -- A small group ministry helping families coming to grips with abuse and family violence, and seeing the healing of wounded emotions and reconciliation with boundaries.



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Judge Executive Tim Conley, left, administers oath of office to E.T. Hall, center, and Linda Patrick, new members of the Morgan County Extension Board.

## Extension board swears in new members at meeting

The Morgan County Extension District board met Jan. 23. Morgan County Judge Executive Tim Conley administered the oath of office to new members Linda Patrick and E.T. Hall, pictured above. Appreciation was noted for outgoing member Wanda Ward. The extension district board serves as the fiscal agent for the Morgan County Extension Service.

The officers for 2007 are Linda Patrick, chair; E.T. Hall, vice chair; Norma Smith, secretary; Susie Blevins, treasurer; and

Marie Franklin, Keith Holbrook and Judge Tim Conley, members.

Morgan County Extension District Board members are nominated by the Morgan County Extension Council, selected and approved by the Morgan County Judge Executive and fiscal court. Two new members are appointed annually. There is a limit on service time.

Service on the board is on a voluntary basis. Extension Service staff appreciate the dedication, time and expertise of these members.

## State crackdown on welfare fraud continues; six indicted

FRANKFORT, Ky. (Jan. 19, 2007) – An investigation by the Office of the Inspector General (OIG) in the Cabinet for Health and Family Services (CHFS) resulted in the indictment of six people on seven felony charges of public assistance fraud totaling over \$33,000.

"The Fletcher administration and the Cabinet for Health and Family Services continue to crack down on waste, fraud and abuse. The new methods for detecting fraud and abuse implemented during the past three years clearly are working," said CHFS Secretary Mark D. Birdwhistell.

Jenny Konkle, who currently lives in Ohio but resided in Shelby County from May 2001 through June 2006, was indicted by a Shelby County Grand Jury on two counts of public assistance fraud. Konkle, 34, is accused of "devising a scheme with intent to defraud" in order to unlawfully receive \$16,062 in medical assistance, \$14,654 in food stamp benefits and \$2,427 from the Kentucky Transitional Assistance Program from July 2001 through May 2006. Konkle provided false information to the Department for Community-Based Services (DCBS) regarding household income and the number of people residing with her. Konkle failed to report Anthony Rodriguez, the father of her children, was living in the household and his income.

Rodriguez, 40, of Cincinnati, Ohio, was also indicted and charged with one count of public assistance fraud when he "devised or planned a scheme" to allow Konkle to obtain benefits from an assistance program by means of false representation or was intentionally engaged in conduct that advanced the scheme.

In addition, four other people were indicted for complicity to public assistance fraud for providing false information to DCBS in order for Konkle to receive public assistance.

Glen Gail Shuck, 60, Shelby County, was Konkle's landlord and allegedly submitted false statements indicating Rodriguez was not living in the Konkle household.

Barbara Lewis, 33, Henry County, was a close friend of Konkle and allegedly submitted false statements indicating Konkle had no income and Rodriguez was not living in the Konkle household.

Barbara Ann Lewis, 66, Henry County, allegedly signed a household composition verification document that she knew to be false indicating Rodriguez was not living in the Konkle household.

International companies are outsourcing jobs to the rural United States because of employees with relatively low wages, work ethic and flexible schedules. It is not unusual for companies to create jobs like call centers in smaller towns, but now higher-level jobs are being sent to rural areas, particularly from foreign businesses, reports Tim Huber of the Associated Press, quoting Harold Sirkin of Boston Consulting.

Williams Lea, a British outsourcing firm, created an of-

Ruth Bohannon, 67, Shelby County, allegedly signed false documentation that she knew to be false verifying Konkle had no income and Rodriguez was not living in the household.

Warrants were issued for Konkle and Rodriguez from Shelby Circuit Court and served Jan. 3 when both Konkle and Rodriguez turned themselves in to the Shelby County Sheriff. Both defendants were released on bond and are scheduled to appear in Shelby Circuit Court Jan. 22.

Criminal summonses were issued for Shuck, B. Lewis, B.A. Lewis and Bohannon and they are scheduled to be arraigned in Shelby Circuit Court Jan. 22.

Randy Compton, an investigator with OIG's Division of Special Investigations, which conducted the investigation, and the Shelby County Commonwealth Attorney's Office worked collaboratively to present this case to the Shelby County Grand Jury in December.

"Top priorities of the Office of Inspector General include the detection, investigation and prevention of fraud and abuse," Acting Inspector General Steven D. Davis said. "Resources for health and welfare programs are precious and limited, so it is crucial that we vigorously protect taxpayer money and seek prosecution of the culpable party. Ultimately, those who choose to commit fraud in Kentucky's health and welfare programs are victimizing the citizens of the commonwealth, which deprives benefits to those who legitimately qualify."

Often fraud and abuse investigations begin with a tip from the general public.

"Citizens can and do play a critical role in detecting and preventing fraud and abuse by simply reporting known or suspected fraud and abuse," said OIG Assistant Director of Special Investigations Ed Barnes. "Some of our best cases are started by hotline calls."

Examples of health and welfare programs include Medicaid; the Kentucky Children's Health Insurance Program; the Women, Infants and Children (WIC) nutritional program; Kentucky Transitional Assistance Program; and the Food Stamp Program.

Welfare fraud allegations are investigated by OIG's Division of Special Investigations with investigators assigned throughout the commonwealth. If you suspect someone of Medicaid or welfare fraud, call the Fraud and Abuse Hotline's toll-free number anytime at (800) 372-2970. Those reporting fraud and abuse never have to give their name.

fice in Wheeling, W.Va. (pop. 31,419), that processes legal documents for Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe, a law firm with 900 lawyers worldwide, reports Huber. Dave Pennino, the firm's director of marketing, said that clients are dubious until they see that Wheeling has people, decent schools and access to Pittsburgh. He said that they are enthusiastic once they grasp the idea and the company hopes to attract clients by keeping sensitive information in the country. In a little over a year the Wheeling office has employed 37 people and the company hopes to eventually increase its staff to 120.

—Ky. Institute for Rural Journalism

## Changes proposed to state hunter education law

At its quarterly meeting held on Dec. 8, the Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Commission proposed modifications to the state's mandatory hunter education law. Commission members also voted to open the ruffed grouse season sooner next year.

The commission recommends all hunting, fishing and boating regulations for approval by the General Assembly and approves all expenditures by the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources.

Starting July 1, 2007, the commission is recommending that any youth hunter required to have a hunting license in Kentucky must obtain a hunter education course completion card before turning age 12. The current law requires a hunter to pass a state-approved hunter education course by age 10.

Under the new proposal, a hunter would be eligible to take the hunter education test at age 9, which gives the young hunter three years to successfully pass the

course if needed, before it is legally required.

The proposal would allow youngsters more time to take the free 10-hour course, which includes in-class and live fire instruction. Hunter education would remain mandatory before doing any type of hunting for anyone born on or after Jan. 1, 1975, and required to have a hunting license.

In related business, the commission also proposed that a new, \$5 one-time permit be available next July that would allow any hunter who is subject to hunter education law to be exempt for a one-year period after purchase.

This exemption permit would be available online only via the agency's website. Those using the exemption permit would also be required to hunt only when accompanied by a legal, adult hunter. After the yearlong exemption expires, the hunter would then have to complete the hunter education course, obtain the card and carry in the field as

proof of complying with the hunter education law.

"The intent of these changes is to allow both adults and youth more opportunities to try hunting with a mentor before having to take hunter education," said Bill Balda, hunter education supervisor for Kentucky Fish and Wildlife.

"If they try hunting and enjoy it, they could then complete the course and the time it takes to do so would be worthwhile. They may have even a better understanding of the materials after some actual experience in the field," Balda added.

"Parents and students are very busy with many other interests, and we want to give those with an interest in hunting consideration in making time for hunting, and the hunting-related learning we now require," Balda concluded.

The commission also proposed to begin the ruffed grouse season Nov. 1. This coincides with the opening of rabbit and quail season, and simplifies the regulation.

The next Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Commission meeting will be held at 8 a.m. Eastern

time, Friday, March 9, 2007 at #1 Sportsman's Lane off U.S. 60 in Frankfort. Persons interested in addressing the commission must notify the Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Commissioner's office in writing at least 30 days in advance to be considered for placement on the meeting agenda. People who are hearing impaired and plan to attend the meeting should contact the Kentucky Fish and Wildlife office at least 10 days in advance and the agency will provide a translator. To request to address the commission, write to Kentucky Fish and Wildlife, Commissioner Jon Gassett, #1 Sportsman's Lane, Frankfort, KY 40601.

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### Gives presentation in Philadelphia

Nicholas Lykins, Morehead State University senior from West Liberty, recently took part in the National Collegiate Honors Council held in Philadelphia. Lykins and Kentucky State University student Stacy St. John, left, gave a joint presentation on "Today's Society, Thoreau's Walden Pond and Honors Education: An Exploration of Intellectual Liberty." Lykins gave another presentation, "Noam Chomsky and the Grammar of Liberty," with Eastern Kentucky University. According to Dr. Marshall Chapman, director of MSU's George M. Luckey Honors Program, "These presentations show collaboration between Kentucky State University, Eastern Kentucky University, and Morehead State in a spirit of comradery and cooperation."

### Morgan hunters harvest 957 deer, 44 turkeys in '06

Morgan County hunters harvested 957 deer during 2006, according to the Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources, slightly more than in 2005 when the number of deer reported killed was 948.

The largest deer harvest in

Morgan County occurred in 2004, when hunters reported 1,140 legal kills.

Of the deer killed in Morgan last season, 535 were bucks and 422 were does.

The breakdown of kills by type of hunting weapon shows that bowhunters accounted for 64 deer, modern firearms hunters killed 695, muzzleloader hunters took 183, and crossbow hunters harvested 15.

Morgan's 2006 deer harvest

exceeded harvests in each contiguous county except Lawrence County, where hunters harvested 1,596 deer.

The harvest in other adjoining counties was Wolfe, 358; Elliott, 521; Menifee, 404; Magoffin, 362; Rowan, 653, and Johnson, 548.

Kentucky's total 2006 deer harvest reported by the Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources was 122,196 of a total deer population estimated to be 900,000.

Only 44 wild turkey kills were reported in Morgan County in 2006, of which 34 were taken with shotguns, 8 by bowhunters. One kill was with a muzzleloader and one with a crossbow. Nineteen of the turkey killed were males and 25 were hens.

### Growing At Grace

Due to icy roads, Grace Baptist Church's January 21, 2007 Sunday morning service was cancelled. We had service on Sunday evening with very few in attendance. When the service started, it was very comforting to hear the sweet voice of one of our deacons in prayer expressing the same feelings that all had felt that day. The consensus was unanimous, that when, for various reasons, we couldn't be there, we experienced a void in our day and felt we had missed something very precious. This is a very good example of things we take for granted, but should thank God for every day.

We were privileged to have two guest speakers in addition to Pastor Mike. Robert and Emily Bolin spoke on different but related subjects. They both told us about the missionary trips they have taken to Mexico. The people

to whom they minister are the poor who sustain life by scavenging in the city dump for anything they can find and recycle. They use food items, clothes, metals they can sell to recycling places, they build make-do houses from material found in the dumps and they live around the dump. Mexico has no social services, no health care for the poor, no welfare of any kind, so these people survive the only way they have.

The missionary trips the Bolins have taken are in connection with an organization called Middleman Ministries (the name taken from the middle man on the cross). This ministry helps the dump people by building two-room houses, giving them clean food, helping them in any way they are able, and ministering to them spiritually. They have a small church they are trying to expand, and they are trying to finish a church parsonage. The ministry is located in Brownsville, Texas and the church and parsonage in Matamoras, Tamaulipas, Mexico close to the dump. The pastor of the church, Francisco Quintero, used to live in Fort Knox, Kentucky and worked there as a cook but decided to return to Mexico to work for the benefit of these needy people. The need for money and volunteers to help this ministry is very great! If you have ever had an urge to help the needy, this would be a wonderful opportunity to serve the Lord and help His children.

If you want to find out more, they have a website, middlemanministries.org, or contact the Bolins.

The Bolins also are starting a non-denominational prayer band in this area to pray for and support missionaries. It is called Morgan County Area Missionary Prayer team. They will meet the

third Saturday of each month, 3 p.m. The meetings are now being held at Index Community Church. They want each church in Morgan County to participate.

Grace Baptist Church is located on Rt. 191 in Malone. We love having guests and everyone is welcome.

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